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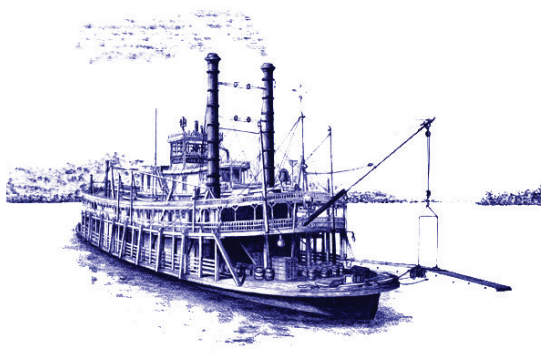

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Former teacher facing 13 counts of sexual abuse

BY CHRISTIAN MARNON AND MORGAN JEMTRUD
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A former Trimble County math teacher accused of groping men while in women's clothes at various locations in Oldham County now faces five more counts of third-degree sexual abuse in Jefferson County, Kentucky.

Michael Mascardo, 57, was initially arrested after he allegedly groped the genitals of four male victims at gas stations in Oldham County. A complaint filed Dec. 9 described Mascardo as a "homosexual male attempting to appear female" and reported that he approached the victim's vehicle with a map and asked for directions. When the victim tried to offer directions, Mascardo allegedly reached into the vehicle and groped his genitals, according to the complaint.

Michael Mascardo

According to the Louisville Metro Police Department in a criminal complaint filed in Jefferson District Court, five victims came forward this month with accusations similar to those in Oldham — where Mascardo already faces eight counts of sexual abuse.

The first victim told police that in September 2022, Mascardo approached his vehicle, placed a map in his lap, rubbed his fingers on his penis and then made a sexually suggestive statement about offering oral sex, according to the complaint.

The second victim also told police that Mascardo approached him in his vehicle with a map, asked for directions, and then touched his penis with his hand in September 2022, according to the complaint.

The third victim told police that in May 2022, Mascardo approached his work truck and asked for directions. When he produced a map, the victim told police that Mascardo began rubbing his leg and genitals with his hand, according to the complaint.

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Winter Field Day

Will Pruitt (left) communicates on his ham radio during Saturday's Winter Field Day event at Clifty Falls State Park alongside Ken Smith as part of the Clifty Amateur Radio Society, which serves Jefferson County and surrounding areas. The organization has monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Jefferson County Public Safety Center, 620 Green Road, and training classes to become a licensed operator. Contact Jerry Barnes at ka9pij@arrl.net for more information.

Photos by Bob Demaree

Saturday's 2023 Winter Field Day event, held annually on the last full weekend in January, saw members of the Clifty Amateur Radio Society, Ivy Tech Community College Amateur Radio Club and the Royal Rangers Amateur Radio Club talk to people all over the United States. Manning the radios were (from left) Will Pruitt, Ken Smith, Bob Doll, Brian Halversen and Jerry Barnes. They were stationed alongside the North Shelter House at Clifty Falls State Park for the event which provides the opportunity for a communications exercise. Amateur radio serves as a social and educational hobby, but it can also be beneficial in emergency situations. Because they operate on generators and batteries, Barnes noted the amateur radio provides a means of emergency communications if all power and other connections are unavailable.

Child predator sentenced to 6 years

BY MARK CAMPBELL

A Carroll County man has pleaded guilty to child solicitation and drug charges in connection with his arrest August 2022 as part of an Online child solicitation investigation conducted by Madison Police Department.

Dagin Priest, then 21, of Worthville, Kentucky, pleaded guilty to arranging on social media to meet a 14-year-old female for sex in Madison, Indiana. When Priest showed up at the arranged site at the time negotiated, he was taken into custody without incident and charged with Child Solicitation and Attempted Sexual Misconduct with a Minor, both Level 4 felonies. While searching Priest during the arrest, officers also discovered methamphetamine and he was charged with an additional Level 6 felony and lodged in the Jefferson County Jail.

Dagin Priest

Priest pleaded guilty before Jefferson Circuit Judge D.J. Mote on Jan. 5 and was sentenced on Jan. 31.

Under terms of a plea agreement, the Attempted Sexual Misconduct with a Minor charge was dismissed and Priest will serve 5 years for Child Solicitation and 1 year for Possession of Methamphetamine, fully executed and to run consecutive for an overall 6-year sentence at Indiana Department of Correction. He will be credited with 220 days served in the Jefferson County Jail.

Madison Police Det. Shawn Scudder led the investigation and was assisted by Dets. Kyle Cutshaw and Ricky Harris, Police Chief John I. Wallace, Sgt. Seth Melton and Senior Patrolman Adam Guzman.

Dattilo files for reelection in District 3

BY THE COURIER STAFF

With incumbent Madison City Council member Lucy Dattilo filing for reelection to her seat in District 3 on Tuesday, Republicans now have candidates for each office in this year's Madison municipal primary election.

The filing deadline for the May primary is noon on Friday at the Jefferson County Clerk's office in the Courthouse, 300 East Main St., Madison.

In addition to Dattilo, Republican candidates include Bob Courtney, Mayor; Katie Rampy, Clerk-Treasurer; Patrick Thevenow, Council District 1; Carla Krebs, Council District 2; Joshua Schafer, Council District 4; Joel Storm, District 5; and Jim Bartlett and Joshua Wilber, Council At-Large. All are incumbents with the exception of Storm and Wilber.

The only current GOP elected official who has not yet filed for reelection is District 5 Council member Curtis Chatham.

Democrat filings include Dan Dattilo, Mayor, and Derek Alexis Hughes, Council District 1. As of Wednesday morning, Democrats do not have any candidates for clerk-treasurer, council districts 2 through 5, and both at-large council seats in the primary.

Primary election day will be Tuesday, May 2, with the general election Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Board table security bids as estimates $150K higher

BY BOB DEMAREE

With bids for a new security and camera surveillance system at Southwestern Jefferson County Schools running about $150,000 more than anticipated, the school board on Monday tabled a decision on whether to award the contract.

The funds will come out of a $2.5 million Common School Construction Loan that the school corporation received last year at a 1% interest.

With $500,000 from that loan earmarked for the camera security system, bids were requested through the Wilson Education Service Center with ERS Wireless of Columbus bidding the job at $654,843.59 and Schiller Hardware of Louisville at $667,645.

Jason Watson, assistant superintendent, said Southwestern has extensive experience with both ERS Wireless and Schiller Hardware but recommended ERS be awarded the contract because the company maintains Safety Reimagined Certification with the Motorola Solutions platform currently in use at Southwestern, which he said would ensure complete integration of both video and radio technologies.

However, board president Rick Stockdale recommended tabling a decision until the board's Tuesday, Feb. 28, meeting, noting the bid is "a lot higher" than originally anticipated.

"I'd like to look over it a little more to be sure we're good on that," Stockdale said, noting there is time for that since the bid prices are effective through June 30.

Watson said the sooner the contract is approved, the sooner the contractor can begin ordering materials for the project so that installation can be done over the summer while classes are not

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- Thomas Lee Cloud, 27, Hanover, to serve court-ordered sentencing for Probation Violation. No bond.
- Quinton Christopher Isenhower, 20, Kokomo, Indiana, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant (drug charges). Bond $5,000 cash. Warrants also pending in Jennings County, Indiana (theft).

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- Emily Nicole Brierly, 29, Madison, for Battery by Bodily Waste, a Level 6 felony. No bond.
- Nancy J. Keller, 66, Madison, for Domestic Battery, a Level 5 felony. No bond.
- Travis Lane Keller, 37, Madison, for Domestic Battery, a Level 6 felony. No bond.
- Joshua Alex Matteson, 26, Hanover, on a Jefferson County warrant for Failure to Appear. Bond $500 cash.

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- Rachel Dawn Baatz, 18, Vevay, Indiana, for Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor; and Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Sentencings

Jan. 31, 2023

- William R. Dixon, 52, Louisville, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor, Sentenced to 30 days jail with credit for 30 days served plus $385 in fees and court costs.
- Stephen W. Scott, 51, Madison, to amended charge of Failure to Remain at the Scene of an Accident-Bodily Injury, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 10 days served and 355 days suspended for probation plus $300 in fees and court costs, restitution to be determined, and driver's license suspended 90 days.
- Corey Lee Lane, 31, Hanover, for Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 4 days jail with credit for 4 days served plus $185 in fees and court costs.
- Trenton Michael Kelley, 25, Madison, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated-Endangerment, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 2 days served and 363 days suspended for probation plus $385.50 in fees and court costs and license suspended for 90 days.
- Tyler Davidson, 23, Salem, Indiana, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus $385 in fees and court costs.
- Moria May Grigsby, 37, Madison, for Visiting a Common Nuisance-Controlled Substance, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 4 days jail with credit for 4 days served plus $185 in fees and court costs.
- Zachary John Baxter, 50, Madison, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated-Endangerment, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 2 days served and 363 days suspended for probation plus $500.50 in fees and court costs and license suspended for 90 days.
- Evan Ryan Long, 19, Lexington, Indiana, for Maintaining a Common Nuisance, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 540 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 2 days served and 538 days suspended for supervised probation plus $410 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Jefferson County

Jan. 25, 2023

- Marjorie S. Macon to Kody L. Macon and Christina N. Macon, two tracts at 2047 Wells Drive, Madison.
- Trustees of Hanover College, Hanover Indiana to Max Andrew Verkamp and Sarah Ann Verkamp, 167 Garritt Street, Hanover.
- Robert C. Sommer to Robert C. Sommer and Clara J. Sommer, a total of nine parcels at 6953 North State Road 62, 1800+ East State Road 250, 1800 East State Road 250, 6000+ State Road 62, 6000+ North State Road 62 and 6953 North State Road 62, Madison.
- Penny R. Bruce to Frank C. Kastl and Elizabeth A Kastl, 6303 West New Bethel Road, Lexington, Indiana.
- J&B Properties to Sergio Garcia Gutierrez and Jasmine Garcia, 280 West Mockingbird Court, Madison.
- Scott Stoner, Toi Wells and Sherry Ashley to Toi Wells, 2 acres at 6600+ South Saluda Paynesville, Hanover.

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- Gary W. Furnish and Maureen L. Furnish to David Johnson and Kathryn Johnson, 1636 North 450 West, Madison.
- Henry O. Beatty, Mary F. Beatty and Mary F. Beatty to Mary F. Beatty, to correct transfer of 205 Volz Drive, Hanover, as a warranty deed.
- Richard M. Wahl and Lauren P. Quiggle to Richard M. Wahl and Lauren A. Wahl, a total of four parcels at 1039 Beech Grove Avenue, Madison.
- Donald B. Lynch (trust) to Phillips Development Inc., a total of five parcels at 3450, 3460, 3470 3510 and 3420 North Quail Drive, Madison.
- Terry D. Hay and Marilyn M. Hay to Terry D. Hay and Marilyn M. Hay (trust), 7940 West 400 South, Hanover.
- Terry D. Hay and Marilyn M. Hay to Terry D. Hay and Marilyn M. Hay (trust), 8233 West 400 South, Hanover. Terry D. Hay and Marilyn M. Hay to Terry D. Hay and Marilyn M. Hay (trust), 7940+ West 400 South, Hanover.
- Marc D. Harris and Marilyn M. Hay to Terry D. Hay and Marilyn M. Hay (trust) and Marc D. Harris (life estate), 8245 West 400 South, Hanover.

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- Charles R. Stiver and Donna Sue Stiver to Donna Stiver, three tracts at 1492 North Rykers Ridge Road, Madison.
- Charles R. Stiver and Donna Sue Stiver to Donna Stiver, 1400+ North Rykers Ridge Road, Madison.
- Hanover Manor LLC to Phillips Development Inc., two lots known as 130 and 140 Parkside Drive in Hanover.
- Rose Marie Robert and Norman F. Roberts to Norman F. Roberts, 4.013 acres at 802 North Hoffman Road, Madison.
- James D. Burkhardt and Nancy H. Burkhardt to James Daniel Burkhardt and Nancy Helen Burkhart (trust), 203 East Street, Madison.
- James D. Burkhardt and Nancy H. Burkhardt, 205 East Street, Madison.
- Phillips Development Inc. to Robin R. Cutshall, 71 South West Paine Street, Hanover.

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- Freedom Mortgage Corporation to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Housing and Urban Development and HUD, 3668 Home Avenue North, Deputy, Indiana.
- Bonnie Cox and Hoge T. Tabor (estate) to Kenneth A. Ketcham, 121 Hooten Blvd. Madison.
- Carla Green to Joseph Riley, 3.37 acres at 187 North Borcherding Road, Madison.
- Bonnie Cox and Hoge T. Tabor (estate) to Kenneth A. Ketcham, 1203 Wells Drive, Madison.
- John H. Graber, Daniel V. Shetler, John V. Shetler and Elmer H. Graber to John E.J. Hilty and Lucy V. Hilty, two parcels totaling 27 acres at 2000+ 1100 North, Lexington, Indiana.

Merit board votes to suspend MPD officer without pay

BY MARK CAMPBELL

The Madison Police Merit Board met in executive session Monday for consideration of a personnel issue and afterwards took action in regular session to suspend Patrolman Josh Nolan without pay.

Nolan had been suspended with pay recently but the Merit Board voted 3-0 Monday, with Board member Bob Waller abstaining, to make that suspension without pay effective immediately based on a recommendation by Madison Police Chief John Wallace.

Wallace declined to provide specifics of the allegations facing Nolan, and said the case is being investigated by Indiana State Police and he would not comment on that agency's investigation. However, Wallace did say that in situations involving a criminal investigation the right thing to do is to suspend the officer while the investigation runs its course. Nolan has been with Madison Police Department since August 2018 and was a May 2018 graduate of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. He has been decorated multiple times for providing life-saving measures while on duty.

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:45 a.m.
Sunset: 6:05 p.m.
Temperature: High 35, Low 18, Mean 26.5, Deficit 3.7
Precipitation since last published: .03
Precipitation, January 2023: 5.13
Precipitation, 2023: 5.13
Barometer: 30.42, Falling
River Level at Clifty Creek: 427.1, Falling
Forecast: Friday: Partly cloudy High 27/Low 17; Saturday: Mostly cloudy High 44/Low 36; Sunday: Partly cloudy High 50/Low 28.

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Man with machete causes disturbance

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A Madison man with a machete, a disturbance with fireworks and multiple traffic stops led to five narcotics-related arrests by Madison Police Department on a busy Saturday.

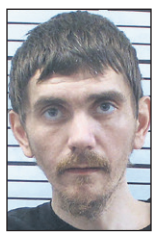
Following up on a report of a man creating a disturbance in the alley behind Madison City Hall and handling a machete in a threatening manner, Madison Police arrested Clayton T. Rowlison, 33, of Madison, on West Second Street.

Madison Patrolman Trent Smith was the first officer to arrive on the scene and gave verbal commands for Rowlison to drop a backpack in which the machete was inside. Rowlison allegedly refused to comply with the commands and continued in a threatening demeanor. A juvenile who was in the presence of Rowlison was safely removed from the area and Rowlison eventually complied with officers.

A subsequent search of Rowlison's backpack confirmed the machete and located a controlled narcotic, marijuana, paraphernalia and a bank card skimming device, as well as personal identifiers of other individuals.

Rowlison faces preliminary charges for Possession of a Card Skimming Device and Neglect of a Dependent, both Level 5 felonies; Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana and Public Intoxication, all Class B misdemeanors; Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor; and Resisting Law Enforcement and Trafficking with an Inmate, both Class A misdemeanors.

Rhonda Marie Barnes



Clayton Rowlison

Felipe Galvan-Martinez

Oscar Galvan-Martinez

Shannon David Collins

Madison Police have issued a caution for anyone who has been a victim of a credit/debit card scam to contact Det. Rick Harris at the Madison Police Department.

Elsewhere, a complaint concerning fireworks in the 150 block of Broadway led to the arrest of Shannon David Collins, 43, Madison, on narcotics-related charges.

While responding to a call related to the fireworks, Collins was not only discovered to be the source of the fireworks but also found to be in the possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. He now faces charges of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony, and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Collins was also found to have an outstanding warrant out of Marion County, Indiana.

Madison Patrolman Cameron Blankenship led the investigation.

Elsewhere, a traffic stop led to the arrest of brothers Felipe Galvan-Martinez, 36, and Oscar Galvan-Martinez, 39, both of Lexington, Kentucky, on drug possession charges.

The traffic stop took place after MPD Patrolman Trent Smith noticed a vehicle being driven in an erratic manner. The subsequent investigation found the brothers to be in possession of cocaine.

Felipe Galvan-Martinez, who was identified of the driver of the vehicle, faces charges of Operating a Vehicle while Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor, and Possession of Cocaine, a Level 6 felony. Oscar Galvan-Martinez, who allegedly attempted to ingest the narcotic to avoid detection, was charged with Obstruction of Justice and Possession of Cocaine, both Level 6 felonies.

Smith was assisted in the case by Officer Chad Wehner.

In a separate incident, a Madison woman was arrested on narcotics charges following a traffic stop related to an equipment violation.

Rhonda Marie Barnes, 55, Madison, was found to be in a Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Paraphernalia, both misdemeanors; Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor and Neglect of a Dependent, a Level 6 felony, since there was a juvenile in the vehicle.

The arrest was made by Officer Nichole Midgett with assistance from Officer Kyle Lane.

Elsewhere in Hanover, police there made two arrests following a traffic stop on Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Aaron Stewart, 51, was charged with Maintaining a Common Nuisance, a Level 6 felony, and Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Corey Stewart, 36, Madison, was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony, and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class A misdemeanor.

On Sunday, Jan. 28, John C. Mefford, 40, Hanover, was arrested after Hanover Police responded to a domestic disturbance. Mefford was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony, and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class A misdemeanor.

On Saturday, following a traffic stop, Dayrl Misamore, 34, Scottsburg, was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony.

On Wednesday, Jan. 25, MPD arrested four people on narcotics-related charges after responding to a report of drug activity in the 180 block of Taft Drive.

Those arrested include Jason Ray Boswell, 29, Madison, for Maintaining a Common Nuisance and Possession of Methamphetamine, both Level 6 felonies, and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class A misdemeanor; Samantha Kay Overby, 24, Madison, for Maintaining a Common Nuisance, a Level 6 felony; and Heaven Lynn Samuels, 18, Madison, and Patrick Ian Broyles, 22, both of Madison, for Visiting a Common Nuisance, a Class A misdemeanor.

MPD officer Curtis Shelpman led the investigation.

LOTTERY

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Hoosier Lotto: 8-18-27-29-36-38 (1/28). Next Estimated Jackpot: $9 million. Next Drawing (2/1).
Daily 3: 6-4-9 SB: 2
Daily 4: 6-3-4-6 SB: 2
Cash Five: 5-17-23-25-26 (1/31)
Cash 4 Life: 5-11-24-26-46 CB: 3 (1/31)

KENTUCKY

Pick 3: 4-3-9
Pick 4: 6-9-4-9
Cash Ball: 8-14-18-23 CB: 6 (1/31)
Kentucky 5 Extra: 13-16-27-34-38 (1/31)
Lucky For Life: 2-3-10-15-22 LB: 12 (1/31)
MEGAMILLIONS: 7-9-18-29-39 MB: 13, MP x4 (1/31). One winning ticket sold in Massachusetts for $31 million jackpot. Next Jackpot: $20 million. Next Drawing (2/3)
POWERBALL: 1-4-12-36-49 PB: 5, PP: 2 (1/30). Next Estimated Jackpot: $653 million. Next Drawing (2/1)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 3-25-28-42-61 PB: 17 (1/30). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to $10 million. Next Drawing (2/1)

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

FEBRUARY 3
- Randy Ricketts
- Jill Morten Wiest

FEBRUARY 4
- Stephen Manaugh
- Bryan Sego

FEBRUARY 5
- Delores Hellman — 100

FEBRUARY 6
- Teresa Gwen Keller

FEBRUARY 7
- Larry Henry
- Kathy Fisher Pommerehn

FEBRUARY 8
- Donna Dattilo-Jackson

FEBRUARY 9
- Nadja Boone

OBITUARIES

Amanda York

Amanda Kaye Babbitt York, 34, of Madison, Indiana, died Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023, in Louisville.

She was born on Sept. 7, 1988, in New Albany, Indiana, to Melissa Babbitt. She was raised in Portland, Tennessee, on her family's farm and graduated from Portland High School in 2007 where she was a member of the FFA and 4-H. She moved to Madison in 2010 and attended Ivy Tech Community College where she earned an associate degree in business. She later graduated from Indiana University Southeast with a bachelor's degree in business. She worked for Ponderosa for three years until the franchise closed and then for Harry's Stone Grill for several years. She enjoyed music and art, especially attending concerts and festivals. She loved fishing with her grandfather and enjoyed life and spending time with her family. She was an avid University of Kentucky fan and adored her pet snake, Marcalene, and cat, Kitty.

Survivors include her mother of Elizabeth, Indiana; her brother, Keith Babbitt of Clarksville, Indiana; her maternal grandfather, James "Jimmy" Burdette of Madison; her niece who was like a daughter, Marley Clifford of Madison; and her aunts and uncles, cousins and many relatives.

She was preceded in death by her maternal great grandfather, Jesse Smith; her maternal great grandmother, Jean Smith; and her maternal grandmother, Rachel Darnell Smith Burdette.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4, at the New Life Fellowship Church in Madison. Visitation will be noon until the time of services on Saturday at the church. Arrangements entrusted to Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Amanda York Remembrance Fund through the funeral home. Online condolences and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

Polly Drury

Polly June Dougherty Drury, 88, of Bedford, Kentucky, died Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, at her residence.

She was born on May 12, 1934, in Bedford, to Fred Trout and Ethel Pauline Supplee Dougherty. She was a 1952 graduate of Bedford High School. She married William C. Drury, on Oct. 1, 1954, and they had two children. She retired in 2000 as coordinator of community services for the Tri-County Community Action Agency. She had previously worked for Bedford Loan and Deposit Bank, the Community Store and as a greeter for Walmart. She was a member of Bedford United Methodist Church, where she was treasurer, and enjoyed reading fiction and playing Phase 10. She was a wonderful seamstress and spent 66 years of her life raising her children and helping raise her grandchildren.

Survivors include two daughters, Tammi Meadows and Tricia Miracle, both of Bedford; a son, Travis Drury of Bedford; a sister, Ruthie Maxwell of Bedford; a brother Jimmy "Latty" Dougherty of Monrovia, Indiana; and six grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband of 49 years on Nov. 8, 2003.

Funeral services will be at noon on Monday, Feb. 6, at the Ransdell Funeral Home, Bedford. Visitation is 10 a.m. until the time of services on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Online condolences, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Floyd Kinnard Jr.

Floyd "Junior" Kinnard Jr., 77, of Deputy, Indiana, died Monday, Jan. 30, 2023, at the Hampton Oaks Health Campus in Scottsburg, Indiana.

He was born on May 26, 1945, in Paint Lick, Kentucky, to Floyd Kinnard Sr. and Stella Mae Keene Kinnard. He attended Deputy School and was a 1965 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School and lived most of his life in the Deputy community. He was inducted into the US Army on Aug. 2, 1966, in Louisville, and rose to the rate of Specialist Four serving during the Vietnam War, where he was exposed to agent orange. During his time with the 4th US Army Artillery Battalion, he was acknowledged as a Marksman and received the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and an Overseas Service Bar. He was honorably discharged on Aug. 1, 1968, in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and returned home. He held an agriculture degree and attended vocational school in Ohio to become a machinist. He married Brenda Dunlevy on June 19, 1965, and they had two daughters. He worked at Rockwell Reliance Electric for 38 years as a machinist in Madison. He had worked for Baxter Lumber's sawmill in Deputy and as a farm laborer for Jack and Opal Nix for several years. He had been in the Boy Scouts of America and was a member of the Lick Branch Baptist Church. He had a passion for fishing and hunting and continued both as long as his health permitted. Junior battled diabetes until his death.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years of Deputy; his daughters, Vickie Uebersetzig of Greenwood, Indiana and Mickie Creech of Deputy; his sisters, Gail Mccowan of Gulf Breeze, Florida and Marilyn Anderson of Whiteland, Indiana; and four grandchildren, a great grandchild, several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Jean Smith-Lee and Susie Taylor; and a brother, Charles Vernon Creech on Feb. 13, 1999.

Graveside services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3, at Pisgah Cemetery in Deputy with interment to follow there. A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Madison Post No. 9 of the American Legion at the graveside.

Arrangements entrusted to Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans or the Deputy Volunteer Fire Department through the funeral home. Online condolences and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

Mark Mullins

Mark Mullins, 66, of Bedford, Kentucky, died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023 at HCA Florida Lawnwood Hospital in Fort Pierce, Florida.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Herman Stephens Jr.

Herman Lloyd Stephens Jr., 75, of Madison, Indiana and formerly of Anderson, Indiana, died Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, at his home near Madison.

He was born on Oct. 6, 1947, in Anderson, to Herman Lloyd Sr. and Ramona Felt Stephens. He was raised in Anderson and graduated high school there. He attended trade schools for his employment with General Motors Corporation in Anderson where he worked as a millwright for more than 30 years. He retired from Local UAW 662 and resided the past 21 years near Madison. He enjoyed participating in the Friendship National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association Annual Show and had won a national championship. He was a member of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association and the NRA. He enjoyed taking his grandchildren fishing and hunting.

Survivors include two daughters, Cindy Trueblood of Alexandria, Indiana and Nicole Stephens of Middletown, Indiana; his sister, Rhona Webb of Anderson; seven grandchildren, Joseph Stephens, Joshua Stephens, Brooklyn Wilson, Bridgett Wilson, Brynna Wilson, Mia Trueblood and Nora Trueblood; and two great grandchildren and other family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Wendy Stephens.

A celebration of life will be announced at date to be determined later. Arrangements entrusted to Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the NRA through the funeral home. Online condolences, www.morgan-nay.com.

Penny Booth

Penny J. Booth, 56, of Madison, Indiana, died Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023, at The Waters of Clifty Falls in Madison.

She was born on Sept. 23, 1966, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Howard "Jack" and Mary Espich Booth. She enjoyed watching football and NASCAR, and listening to loud music.

Survivors include a sister, Jackie Booth, of Fort Wayne; her niece, Alissa; her nephews, Justin and Brandon; and her cat, Missy Ann.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Barb Booth.

Per her wishes, no services will be held.

Arrangements entrusted to Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, in Madison.

Online condolences, www.lytlewelty.com.

Phyllis Bush

Phyllis Ann Buschmann Bush, 84, of Vevay, Indiana, died Monday, Jan. 30, 2023, at the Swiss Villa Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Vevay.

She was born on Aug. 15, 1938, in Switzerland County, Indiana, to William Louis "Bill" and Hazel Mae Scott Buschmann. She was raised in Vevay and was a 1956 graduate of Vevay High School. She attended Ivy Tech Community College in Madison for a year studying upholstery, body work and painting vehicles. She married Harlan Denton "Denny" Bush Jr. on Oct. 25, 1958, in Madison, and they had a daughter and a son. She was employed for US Shoe in Vevay from 1957 to 1958 and for Reliance Electric in Madison from February 1962 until her retirement in July 1992 after 30 years service. She also worked for the Switzerland County Welcome Center for several years. She was a lifetime member of the Switzerland County Historical Society and had a passion for genealogy. She was a member of Union Baptist Church in Lamb, Indiana. She enjoyed writing in her numerous journals throughout life, reading, crocheting, gardening and canning. She loved Coke, tending to her flowers and spending time with family. She had a fondness for animals, especially cats and dogs.

Survivors include her daughter, Christy Morgan of Lamb; four grandchildren, Danna Morgan, Sarah Morgan, Emily Bush and Kelsey Bush; her special friends, Sandy McCormick of Madison and Miranda and Emilee Mangold of Vevay; and four great grandchildren, her great niece, numerous cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 48 years on July 6, 2007; her son, Denton William Bush, on Feb. 11, 2021.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3, 2023, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay. Interment will follow in the Grandview Memorial Gardens near Madison. Visitation is 11 a.m. until the time of service on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Union Baptist Church through the funeral home. Online condolences and memorials, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Let Us Pause To Honor the Memory of Mr. Floyd "Junior" Kinnard, Jr.

Mr. Floyd "Junior" Kinnard, Jr., age 77, of Deputy, Indiana entered this life on May 26, 1945 in Paint Lick, Kentucky. He was the loving son of the late Floyd, Sr. and Stella Mae Keene Kinnard. He attended Deputy School and graduated from Madison Consolidated High School in 1965 and lived most all of his life in the Deputy community.. He was inducted into the United States Army on August 2, 1966 in Louisville, Kentucky and rose to the rate of Specialist Four serving during the Vietnam War, where he was exposed to agent orange. During his time with the 4th US Army Artillery Battalion, he distinguished himself being acknowledged as a Marksman and receiving the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and an Overseas Service Bar. Junior was honorably discharged on August 1, 1968 in Fort Sill, Oklahoma and returned home. He held an agriculture degree and attended vocational school in Ohio to become a machinist. He was united in marriage to Brenda Dunlevy on June 19, 1965 and this happy union was blessed with two daughters, Vickie and Mickie. He worked at Rockwell Reliance Electric for 38 years as a machinist in Madison, Indiana. He had worked for Baxter Saw Mill and had worked as a farm laborer for Jack and Opal Nix for several years as well. He had been in the Boy Scouts and was a member of the Lick Branch Baptist Church. Junior had a passion for fishing and hunting and continued as long as his health permitted him to do so. Junior fought a long battle with Diabetes and was lovingly cared for by his wife until his death. He was a devoted husband, loving dad and grandpa. Junior died on Monday, January 30, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. at the Hampton Oaks Health Campus in Scottsburg, Indiana.

A LOVING FAMILY

Junior will be missed by his loving wife of 57 years, Brenda Dunlevy Kinnard of Deputy, Indiana; his loving daughters, Vickie Uebersetzig of Greenwood, Indiana and Mickie Creech of Deputy, Indiana; his loving grandchildren, Brooke (Jacob), Bailey (Jordan), Alex, and Coleman; his great grandchild, Adley Rae; his sisters, Gail Mccowan and her husband Bob of Gulf Breeze, Florida and Marilyn Anderson of Whiteland, Indiana; his brother in law, Roger Dunlevy and his wife, Laura of Sellersburg, Indiana; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Floyd J. Kinnard, Sr., died June 6, 1998; his mother, Stella Mae Keene Kinnard, died April 12, 1983; his sisters, Jean Smith-Lee and her husband Jim and Susie Taylor; his brother, Charles Vernon Creech died February 13, 1999 and his wife Carolyn; and his brother in law David Anderson.

GRAVESIDE CEREMONY

A graveside service will be conducted Friday, February 3, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. by Pastor Brynen Chitwood at Pisgah Cemetery in Deputy, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Pisgah Cemetery near Deputy, Indiana.

MILITARY HONORS

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion at the graveside.

MEMORIAL EXPRESSIONS

Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans or the Deputy Volunteer Fire Department. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.comom

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Conservation officers make arrests in thefts

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Two men and a woman have been arrested by Indiana Conservation Officers in connection with the alleged theft of hunting equipment near Paris Crossing, Indiana.

The theft occurred in January. As a result of an investigation by Indiana Conservation Officers, a search warrant was executed at a residence where multiple stolen items were recovered as well as additional items related to other theft cases in Jennings County. In addition, officers found several marijuana plants as well as drug paraphernalia.

Those arrested included: Terry James Kinworthy, 40; John Stacy, 50; and Megan P. Stacy, 41, all of Paris Crossing.

Kinworthy was charged with misdemeanor theft, trespassing, cultivating marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, maintaining a common nuisance, and felony possession of methamphetamine and a syringe.

John and Megan Stacy were each charged with misdemeanor cultivating and possession of marijuana.

Conservation officers were assisted by the Jennings County Sheriff's Department and the North Vernon Police Department.

ABUSE

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The fourth victim told police that Mascardo touched his genitals while sitting in his car on Jefferson County Public Schools property — where Mascardo is employed.

The fifth victim, according to the complaint, told police that Mascardo approached him in his work truck in January 2022, placed a map in his lap and touched his penis.

The fourth victim told police that Michael Mascardo touched his genitals while sitting in his car on Jefferson County Public Schools property — where Mascardo is employed.

Mascardo initially faced four third-degree sexual abuse charges in Oldham County, but that number grew to eight after more men came forward in light of media reports, Oldham County Police Department confirmed earlier this month.

He has since hired a private attorney and entered a "not guilty" plea at his second arraignment last week. Mascardo posted both the $500 bond for the first set of charges and a $5,000 bond for the additional four and is currently released on LMDC's Home Incarceration Program. He was temporarily booked into the Oldham County Detention Center Monday, but was transferred to Louisville Metropolitan Detention Center that same day, jail officials confirmed. His pretrial conference in Oldham County will be held in March 2023 before District Judge Daniel Fendley.

Mascardo held several teaching jobs before he landed at JCPS including spending one year at Trimble County.

Records obtained through a Freedom Of Information Act request from Trimble County Schools show that Mascardo joined the Trimble County High School staff as a math teacher at the beginning of the 2014-15 school year. At the time of hiring, he was named Micaelo Balingit and had recently moved to the United States after teaching for 24 years at various schools in Ontario, Canada, according to hiring documents obtained via open records request.

In March 2015, Mascardo legally changed his name from Micaelo Balingit to Michael Mascardo, according to records from Trimble County Schools. At the end of 2014-2015 school year, he accepted a job beginning in fall 2015 as a math teacher with JCPS, where he is currently employed.

JCPS Chief Communication Officer Carolyn Callahan confirmed that Mascardo remains employed by the district as of Monday, but the district's own internal investigation remains on hold.

"When a law enforcement investigation takes place, typically our investigation gets put on hold," said Callahan, adding that Mascardo is employed from a remote location and has no contact with JCPS students or staff.

BEETLE BAILEY

WHY ARE YOU SO HARD ON ME?
I TRY TO OVERLOOK YOUR FLAWS...
BUT YOUR FLAWS KEEP STARING ME BACK IN THE FACE
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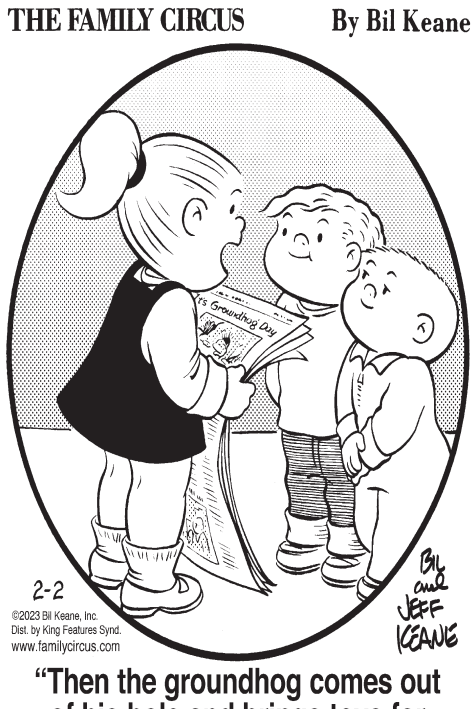
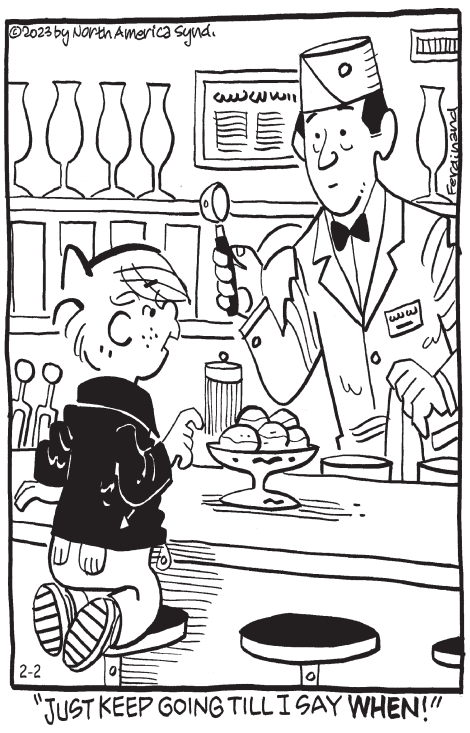


"Then the groundhog comes out of his hole and brings toys for good girls and boys."

DENNIS THE MENACE



"JUST KEEP GOING TILL I SAY WHEN!"

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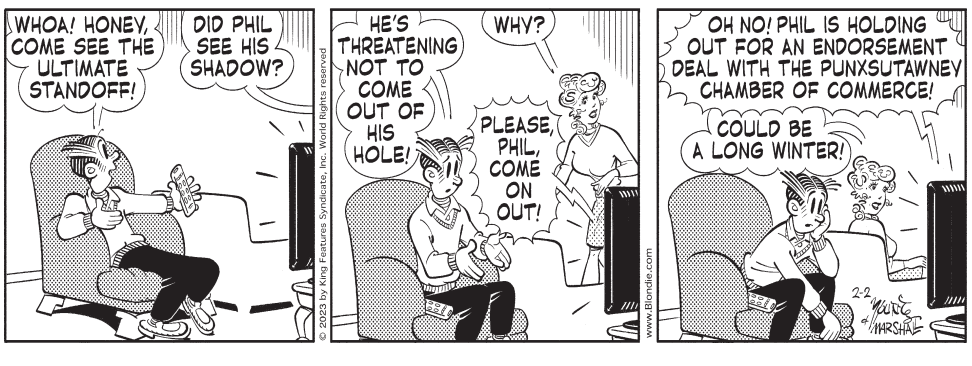
WHOA! HONEY, COME SEE THE ULTIMATE STANDOFF!
DID PHIL SEE HIS SHADOW?
HE'S THREATENING NOT TO COME OUT OF HIS HOLE!
WHY?
PLEASE, PHIL, COME ON OUT!
OH NO! PHIL IS HOLDING OUT FOR AN ENDORSEMENT DEAL WITH THE PUNXSUTAWNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE!
COULD BE A LONG WINTER!
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BABY BLUES

HOW WAS SCHOOL, GUYS?
WAAAAAAAA!
EITHER SHE DIDN'T GET STUDENT OF THE WEEK, OR THEY CANCELED PIZZA DAY.
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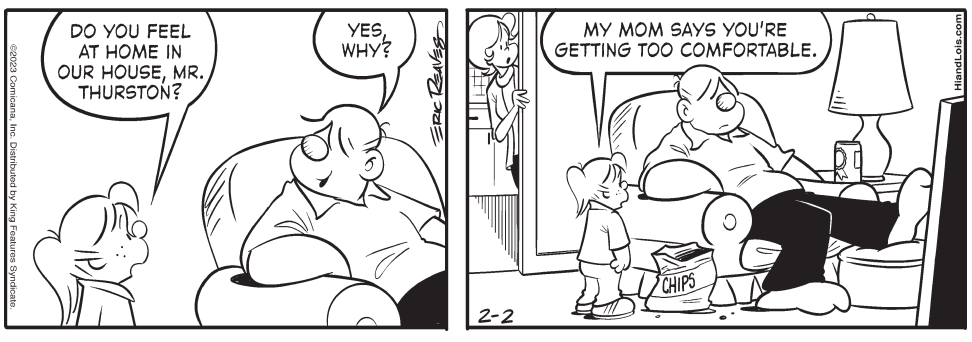
DO YOU FEEL AT HOME IN OUR HOUSE, MR. THURSTON?
YES, WHY?
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MY MOM SAYS YOU'RE GETTING TOO COMFORTABLE.
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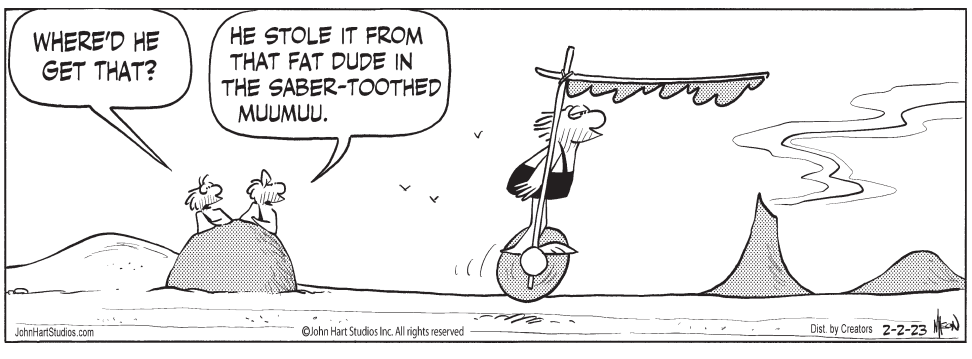
WHERE'D HE GET THAT?
HE STOLE IT FROM THAT FAT DUDE IN THE SABER-TOOTHED MUUMUU.
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CURTIS

DON'T BE AFRAID TO STAND FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN...
EVEN IF THAT MEANS STANDING ALONE
DOES THAT MEAN WE DON'T HAVE TO DO HOMEWORK IF WE DON'T BELIEVE IN IT?
NO, HOMEWORK IS EXEMPT. YOU CAN'T STAND UP AGAINST DOING HOMEWORK!
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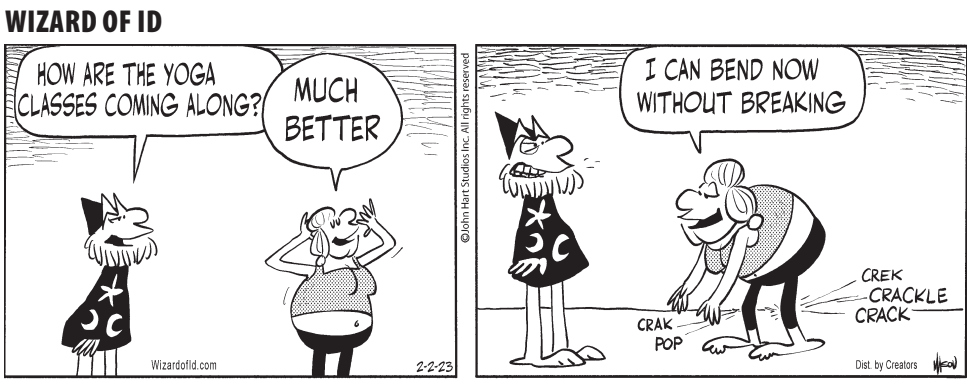
WIZARD OF ID



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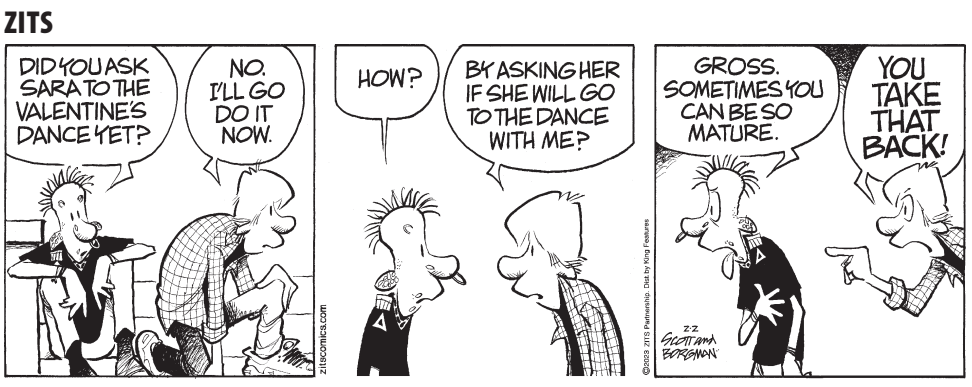
DID YOU ASK SARA TO THE VALENTINE'S DANCE YET?
NO. I'LL GO DO IT NOW.
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HOW?
BY ASKING HER IF SHE WILL GO TO THE DANCE WITH ME?
GROSS. SOMETIMES YOU CAN BE SO MATURE.
YOU TAKE THAT BACK!
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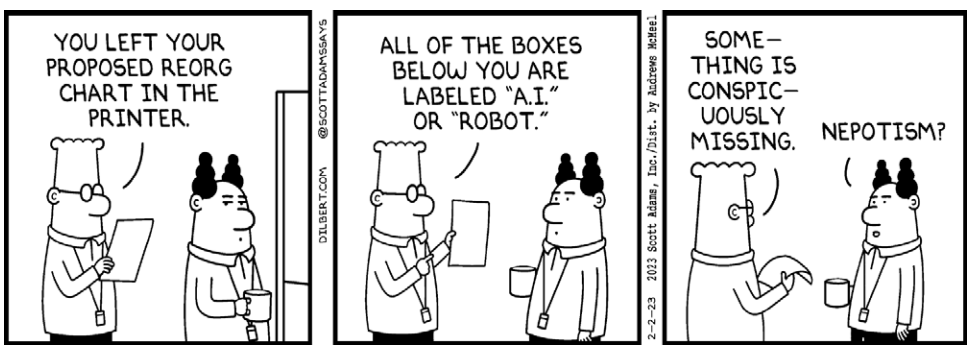
YOU LEFT YOUR PROPOSED REORG CHART IN THE PRINTER.
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ALL OF THE BOXES BELOW YOU ARE LABELED "A.I." OR "ROBOT."
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SOME-THING IS CONSPIC-UOUSLY MISSING.
NEPOTISM?

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Feb. 2, the 33rd day of 2023. There are 332 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 2, 1990, in a dramatic concession to South Africa's Black majority, President F.W. de Klerk lifted a ban on the African National Congress and promised to free Nelson Mandela.

On this date:

In 1536, present-day Buenos Aires, Argentina, was founded by Pedro de Mendoza of Spain.

In 1653, New Amsterdam — now New York City — was incorporated.

In 1887, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, held its first Groundhog Day festival.

In 1913, New York City's rebuilt Grand Central Terminal officially opened to the public at one minute past midnight.

In 1914, Charles Chaplin made his movie debut as the comedy short "Making a Living" was released by Keystone Film Co.

In 1925, the legendary Alaska Serum Run ended as the last of a series of dog mushers brought a life-saving treatment to Nome, the scene of a diphtheria epidemic, six days after the drug left Nenana.

In 1943, the remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major victory for the Soviets in World War II.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman sent a 10-point civil rights program to Congress, where the proposals ran into fierce opposition from Southern lawmakers.

In 1980, NBC News reported the FBI had conducted a sting operation targeting members of Congress using phony Arab businessmen in what became known as "Abscam," a codename protested by Arab-Americans.

In 2006, House Republicans elected John Boehner (BAY'-nur) of Ohio as their new majority leader to replace the indicted Tom DeLay.

In 2016, health officials reported that a person in Texas had become infected with the Zika virus through sex in the first case of the illness being transmitted within the United States.

In 2017, using a backhoe to smash through a barricade of water-filled footlockers, police stormed Delaware's largest prison, ending a nearly 20-hour hostage standoff with inmates; one hostage, a guard, was killed.

In 2020, the Philippines reported that a 44-year-old Chinese man from Wuhan had died in a Manila hospital from the new coronavirus; it was the first death from the virus to be recorded outside of China. Authorities in parts of China extended the Lunar New Year holiday break well into February to try to keep people at home.

Ten years ago: Former Navy SEAL and "American Sniper" author Chris Kyle was fatally shot along with a friend, Chad Littlefield, at a gun range west of Glen Rose, Texas; suspect Eddie Ray Routh was later convicted and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Five years ago: At the sentencing hearing in Michigan for former sports doctor Larry Nassar, a distraught father of three girls who'd been sexually abused tried to attack Nassar before being tackled by sheriff's deputies and hauled out of court. (Randall Margraves later apologized; the judge said there was "no way" she would fine him or send him to jail for trying to attack Nassar.)

One year ago: CNN President Jeff Zucker abruptly resigned after acknowledging a consensual relationship with another network executive. The relationship came to light during the investigation that led to the firing of the news network's anchor Chris Cuomo. Four men were charged with being part of the drug distribution crew that supplied a deadly mix of narcotics to actor Michael K. Williams of "The Wire," who had overdosed five months earlier.

Today's birthdays: Comedian Tom Smothers is 86. Rock singer-guitarist Graham Nash is 81. Television executive Barry Diller is 81. Country singer Howard Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 77. TV chef Ina Garten is 75. Actor Jack McGee is 74. Actor Brent Spiner is 74. Rock musician Ross Valory (Journey) is 74. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, is 71. The former president of South Korea, Park Geun-hye, is 71. Model Christie Brinkley is 69. Actor Michael Talbott is 68. Actor Kim Zimmer is 68. Actor Michael T. Weiss is 61. Actor-comedian Adam Ferrara is 57. Rock musician Robert DeLeo (Army of Anyone; Stone Temple Pilots) is 57. Actor Jennifer Westfeldt is 53. Rapper T-Mo is 51. Actor Marissa Jaret Winokur is 50. Actor Lori Beth Denberg is 47. Singer Shakira is 46. Actor Rich Sommer is 45. Country singer Blaine Larsen is 37. Actor Zosia Mamet is 35.

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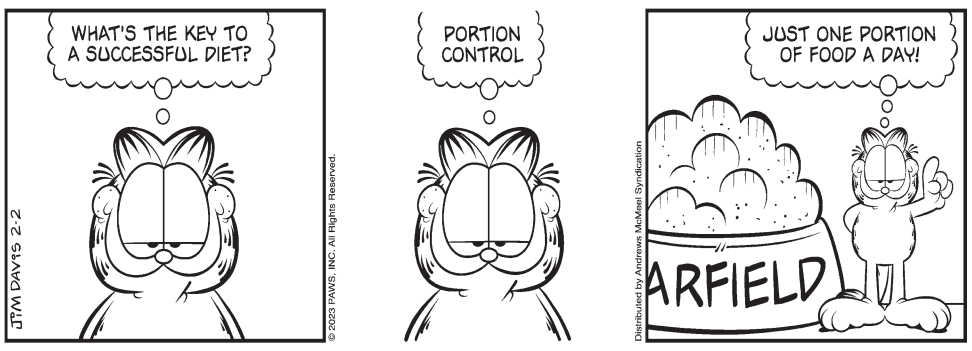
WHAT'S THE KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL DIET?
PORTION CONTROL
JUST ONE PORTION OF FOOD A DAY!
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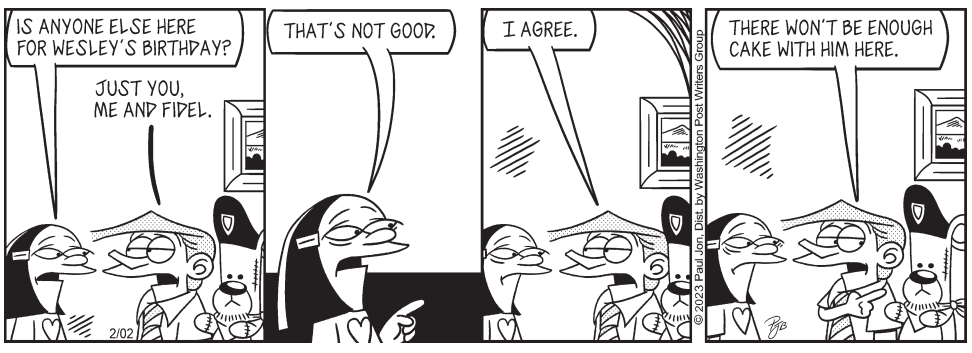
GARFIELD

FORT KNOX


IS ANYONE ELSE HERE FOR WESLEY'S BIRTHDAY?
JUST YOU, ME AND FIDEL.
THAT'S NOT GOOD.
I AGREE.
THERE WON'T BE ENOUGH CAKE WITH HIM HERE.
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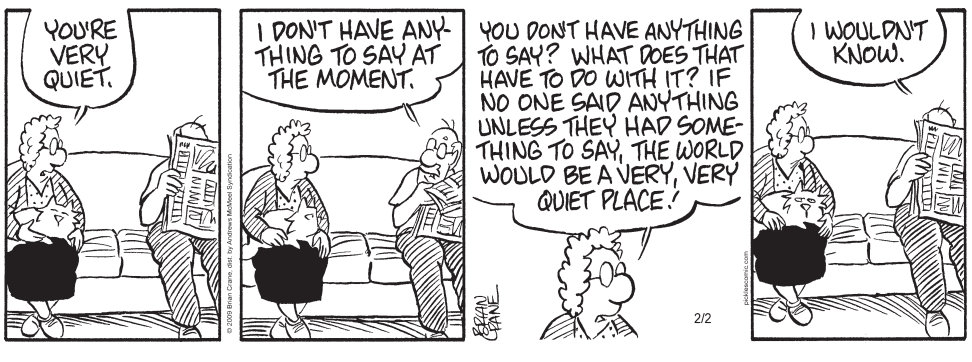
PICKLES


YOU'RE VERY QUIET.
I DON'T HAVE ANY-THING TO SAY AT THE MOMENT.
YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY? WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH IT? IF NO ONE SAID ANYTHING UNLESS THEY HAD SOME-THING TO SAY, THE WORLD WOULD BE A VERY, VERY QUIET PLACE!
I WOULDN'T KNOW.
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BEETLE BAILEY

WHAT DO YOU THINK ?
NOT BAD. A LITTLE SPICY
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WHAT DO YOU THINK ?
MY TASTE BUDS DIED YEARS AGO
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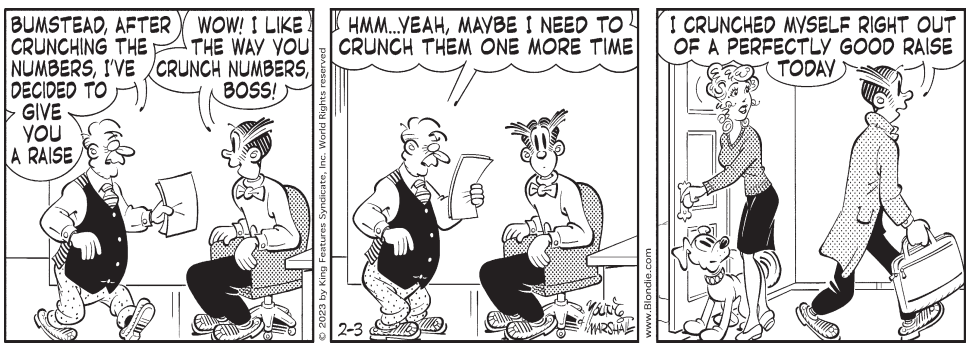
BUMSTEAD, AFTER CRUNCHING THE NUMBERS, I'VE DECIDED TO GIVE YOU A RAISE
WOW! I LIKE THE WAY YOU CRUNCH NUMBERS, BOSS!
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HMM...YEAH, MAYBE I NEED TO CRUNCH THEM ONE MORE TIME
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I CRUNCHED MYSELF RIGHT OUT OF A PERFECTLY GOOD RAISE TODAY
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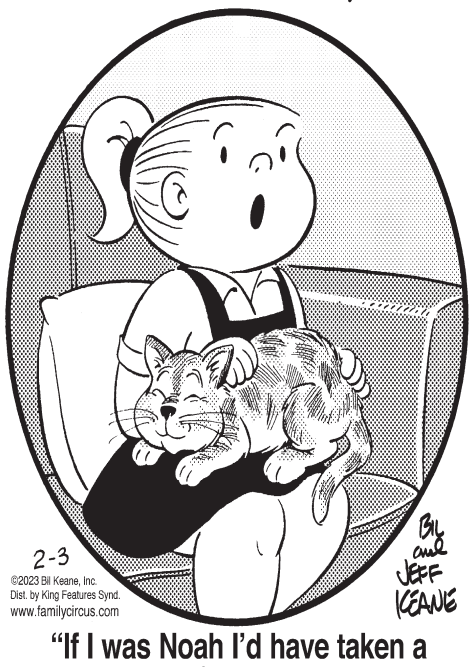
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

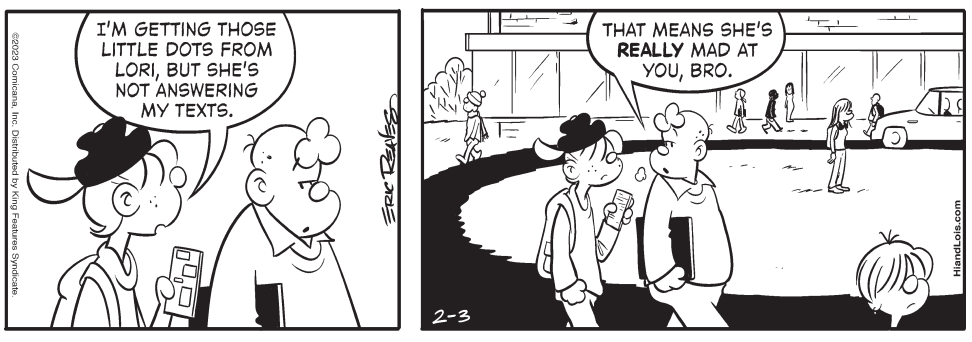
By Bil Keane



"If I was Noah I'd have taken a whole BUNCH of cats instead of just two."

DENNIS THE MENACE

HI & LOIS


I'M GETTING THOSE LITTLE DOTS FROM LORI, BUT SHE'S NOT ANSWERING MY TEXTS.
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THAT MEANS SHE'S REALLY MAD AT YOU, BRO.
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BABY BLUES

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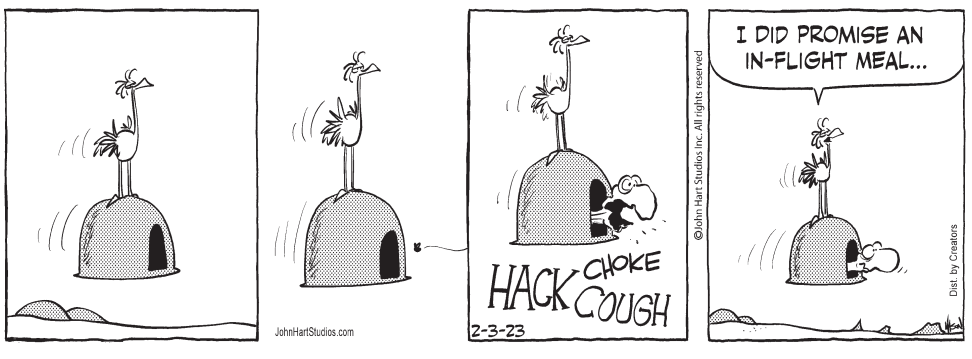

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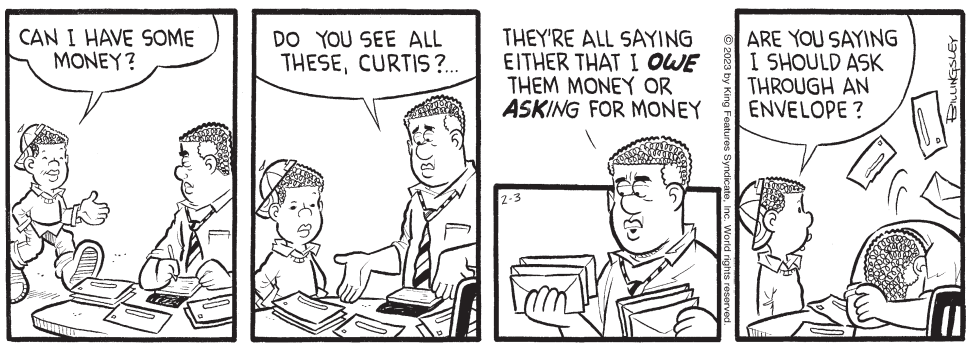
CAN I HAVE SOME MONEY?
DO YOU SEE ALL THESE, CURTIS?...
THEY'RE ALL SAYING EITHER THAT I OWE THEM MONEY OR ASKING FOR MONEY
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ARE YOU SAYING I SHOULD ASK THROUGH AN ENVELOPE?
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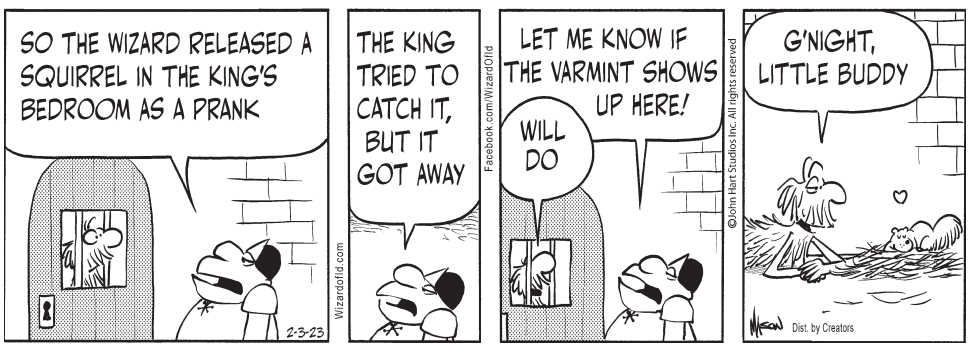
BLUNSDEN

WIZARD OF ID


SO THE WIZARD RELEASED A SQUIRREL IN THE KING'S BEDROOM AS A PRANK
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Wizardofid.com
THE KING TRIED TO CATCH IT, BUT IT GOT AWAY
Facebook.com/WizardOfId
LET ME KNOW IF THE VARMINT SHOWS UP HERE!
WILL DO
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PIERCE THINKS MY PLAN FOR ASKING SARA TO THE DANCE IS BORING.
WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?
I WALK UP TO HER AND SAY, "DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE DANCE?"
MAYBE IT IS TOO BORING.
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DILBERT

I'M COLLECTING MONEY FOR TINA'S BIRTHDAY.
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I'VE BEEN GIVING YOU MONEY FOR CO-WORKERS' BIRTHDAYS FOR YEARS, AND YET I HAVE NEVER SEEN A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR ANYONE.
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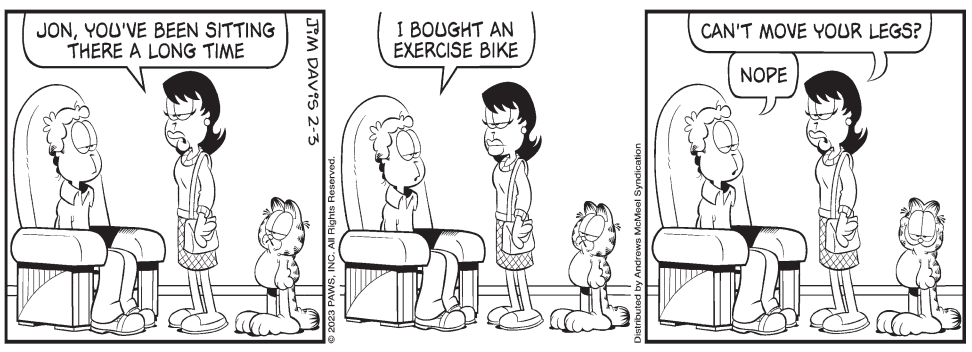
MAYBE YOU DIDN'T NOTICE.
WHAT KIND OF CAR DO YOU DRIVE?

GARFIELD


JON, YOU'VE BEEN SITTING THERE A LONG TIME
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I BOUGHT AN EXERCISE BIKE
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CAN'T MOVE YOUR LEGS?
NOPE

FORT KNOX

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
WHEEZ WHEEZ WHEEZ
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EVEN THOUGH I'M THE ONLY ONE AT YOUR BIRTHDAY PARTY, I'M HAVING A GOOD TIME...
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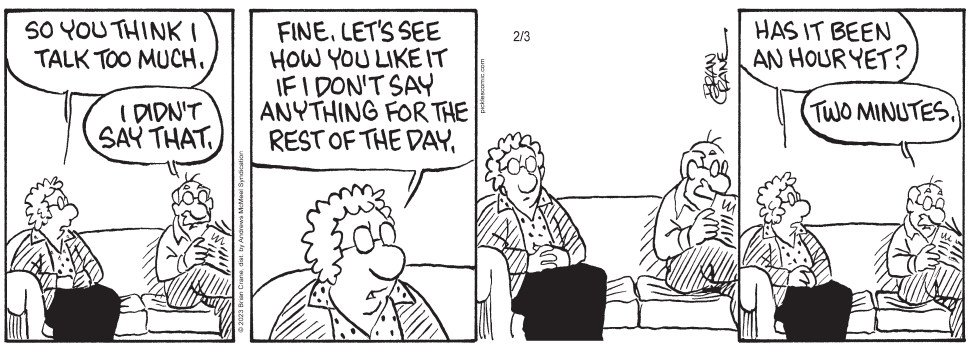
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Feb. 3, the 34th day of 2023. There are 331 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 3, the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, providing for a federal income tax, was ratified.

On this date:

In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln and Confederate Vice President Alexander H. Stephens held a shipboard peace conference off the Virginia coast; the talks deadlocked over the issue of Southern autonomy.

In 1917, the United States broke off diplomatic relations with Germany, the same day an American cargo ship, the SS Housatonic, was sunk by a U-boat off Britain after the crew was allowed to board lifeboats.

In 1943, during World War II, the U.S. transport ship SS Dorchester, which was carrying troops to Greenland, sank after being hit by a German torpedo in the Labrador Sea; of the more than 900 men aboard, only some 230 survived.

In 1959, rock-and-roll stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson died in a small plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa.

In 1966, the Soviet probe Luna 9 became the first manmade object to make a soft landing on the moon.

In 1988, the U.S. House of Representatives handed President Ronald Reagan a major defeat, rejecting his request for $36.2 million in new aid to the Nicaraguan Contras by a vote of 219-211.

In 1994, the space shuttle Discovery lifted off, carrying Sergei Krikalev (SUR'-gay KREE'-kuh-lev), the first Russian cosmonaut to fly aboard a U.S. spacecraft.

In 1995, the space shuttle Discovery blasted off with a woman, Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Eileen Collins, in the pilot's seat for the first time in NASA history.

In 1998, a U.S. Marine plane sliced through the cable of a ski gondola in Italy, causing the car to plunge hundreds of feet, killing all 20 people inside.

In 2009, Eric Holder became the first Black U.S. attorney general as he was sworn in by Vice President Joe Biden.

In 2020, in closing arguments at President Donald Trump's first impeachment trial, Democratic prosecutors urged senators to stop a "runaway presidency" and recognize Trump's actions in Ukraine as part of a pattern of behavior that would allow him to "cheat" in the 2020 election; Trump's defenders accused Democrats of trying to undo the 2016 election and said voters should decide Trump's fate.

Ten years ago: A fired Los Angeles police officer launched a revenge war on law enforcement and the families of those he blamed for ending his career, killing four people during a 6-day manhunt that ended with his apparent suicide at a cabin in San Bernardino County.

Five years ago: Linebacker Ray Lewis and receiver Terrell Owens were among eight people voted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. The New York Times reported an accusation from actress Uma Thurman that disgraced movie mogul Harvey Weinstein had forced himself on her sexually years ago in a London hotel room; Weinstein acknowledged making an "awkward pass" but strongly denied any physical assault.

One year ago: Winter storms across the United States knocked out power to hundreds of thousands, brought the cancellation of more than 9,000 flights, caused a deadly tornado in Alabama and brought rare measurable snowfall to parts of Texas. President Joe Biden announced that the leader of the Islamic State group blew up himself and members of his family during a raid by U.S. special operations forces of his hideout in the village of Atmeh, Syria. U.S. officials called it a "significant blow" to the radical militant organization.

Today's birthdays: Football Hall of Famer Fran Tarkenton is 82. Actor Blythe Danner is 80. Football Hall of Famer Bob Griese is 78. Singer-guitarist Dave Davies (The Kinks) is 76. Singer Melanie is 76. Actor Morgan Fairchild is 73. Actor Pamela Franklin is 73. Actor Nathan Lane is 67. Rock musician Lee Ranaldo (Sonic Youth) is 67. Actor Thomas Calabro is 64. Rock musician/author Lol Tolhurst (The Cure) is 64. Actor-director Keith Gordon is 62. Actor Michele Greene is 61. Country singer Matraca Berg is 59. Actor Maura Tierney is 58. Actor Warwick Davis is 53. Actor Elisa Donovan is 52. Actor Isla Fisher is 47. Human rights activist Amal Clooney is 45. Singer-songwriter Jessica Harp is 41. Actor Matthew Moy is 39. Rapper Sean Kingston is 33. Actor Brandon Micheal Hall is 30.

Charlie's Beat

CHARLIE **ROHLFING**
CHARLIE'S BEAT

This week's column is really two stories in one. The first is about the great Maryland-based act that is coming to Red Bicycle Hall on Saturday, the Joey Harkum Band. After the Madison show they are headed off to Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Oklahoma City, Dallas, Austin and Houston. That's the kind of company our little old music city is running with these days!

Harkum was the lead singer and songwriter for the band Pasadena for about a decade, before heading out with his own band. His website describes his music as "deep, poignant lyrics which tell stories of happiness, love, loss and sadness."

But the man who is bringing the band to Madison, Eric Foster, calls Harkum's music, "Interesting songs, delivered with a very unique cadence, almost hip-hoppy, but not really hip hop."

Which brings us to the second part of this story, Eric Foster, and his wife, Trista. Eric and Trista live up in Jennings County near Scipio. He installs A/V equipment for a living and she's a dog trainer. But their all-consuming hobby is doing sound and lights for live music shows.

"That's how we got introduced to Madison some years back," relates Foster. "We knew Dennis O'Neal down here, and he needed some help running sound at a show. I started coming down more and more, and then I got in with the Red Bike folks, doing some of their shows.

"After a few shows I asked them if they'd like us to add lights, and they said sure, let's try it. So I started bringing Trista to run that part. We're a pretty good team. If you've been to the Red Bike for a show lately, you've seen the full effect, with motorized lights and laser effects.

"Trista and I really consider Madison kind of our home away from home now. It's where we get to engage in our musical passion, and we just love the lifestyle and the people here. Someday, if our careers permit it, we'd like to move down here permanently.

"This Joey Harkum show will actually be the third one I've produced at Red Bicycle Hall. I brought in Russ Baum a couple years ago. Then we brought in one of our favorite live blues rock bands, Wade Boyer and the Jailbirds. That was just a few months ago. But in the back of our minds, we really wanted to get Joey in here and share his talent with our friends in Madison.

"For openers we actually have Russ Baum coming back for a short set, he's a classic folk artist kind of guy, from over in the Martinsville area. And then something that I think is pretty special, we have local musicians Chris Jesse and Erik Brunner doing a set. People might remember these guys from the bands The Wheel and Nine Mile Reach. It's going to be so cool seeing them back together for a few songs."

THE JOEY HARKUM BAND

If you come out to the Red Bike show Saturday night, be sure to say hello to Eric and Trista. He'll be the one at the soundboard, and she'll be the one at the laptop controlling the light show. Tell them how much you appreciate them bringing great, original live music to Madison.

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

This Saturday night in Indiana's Music City looks especially tantalizing. In addition to the cavalcade of talent at Red Bicycle Hall that evening, you have four more great live music options within walking distance in the downtown music core.

I'm not familiar with the band playing at Thomas Family, but Steve Thomas has a good ear for bringing in fresh talent, it's worth a look-see. But I am familiar with Vaguely Familiar, playing at The Central. I caught the tail end of their set at the Taproom last Saturday and it made me wish I had gotten there earlier.

But the real magic, for my money, will be Robby Cox at Off Broadway Taproom. He closes his eyes and weaves a musical spell that will have you simply glad to be alive in Madison. I guarantee it.

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

This Week in Music

Thursday, Feb. 2
Rivertown Grill — DJ Dance Party

Friday, Feb. 3
Brown Gym — Senior Dance with Smokin' Cinders (6:30 p.m.)
Rivertown Grill — Bipolar
The Central — Beecamp Bottom Boys
Hoosier Theater (Vevay) — West of Dublin

Saturday, Feb. 4
Rivertown Grill — Dirty Laundry
Thomas Family Winery — Nash Brown's Roadhouse
Off Broadway Taproom — Robby Cox
The Central — Vaguely Familiar
Red Bicycle Hall — Joey Harkum, Chris Jesse, Erik Brunner, Russ Baum
Fairgrounds — Bluegrass Jam (2 p.m.)

Sunday, Feb. 5
Rivertown Grill — Fred Elam

Tuesday, Feb. 7
Off-Broadway Taproom — Open Mic Night

Wednesday, Feb 8
Rivertown Grill — Karaoke

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

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Fridays — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison. Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS

JESUS CLOTHES CLOSET

Trinity Methodist Church, Madison
Mondays — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Jesus Clothes Closet at Trinity Methodist Church, 412 W. Main St., will distribute free clothing for those in need each Monday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information call 812-866-4843.

SENIOR EVENTS

Madison Senior Citizens Center

208 West Main Street
Game Days
The Madison Senior Citizens Center hosts weekly card days and Bingo at the Senior Citizens Center in downtown Madison. The schedule includes Eucher on Mondays and Thursdays from noon until 10 games are completed and Bingo on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The events are free and open to senior citizens.

Senior Dance

Brown Gym
Friday, Feb. 4
Smokin' Cinders will perform at the Friday, Feb. 3 Community Dance for adults and senior citizens at the Brown Gym from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Admission is $6. Old goats and a Nanny will play Feb. 10.

Hanover Senior Citizens Program

Hanover Community Center at Hanover Park

Exercising

The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at Hanover Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Lunch

The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Wednesdays and Fridays at the Community Center. Cost is $5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.

FUNDRAISERS

Deputy Volunteer Fire Department

14227 Mulberry St., Deputy
Deputy firefighters are holding weekly Bingo fundraisers on Thursday nights at the fire department.
Doors open at 5 p.m. with food concessions available and Bingo starting at 6:30 p.m. Pull tabs will be available.
No one under 18 allowed in Bingo Hall. Bingo cash only concessions debit/credit/cash.

BIDS

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in session. "If you put it off another month, you've got another month of down time, and we can't have those pieces working, so obviously I want to go ahead and get it done," Watson said.

Board member Jonathon Simpson questioned why the project is running so much higher than anticipated. Watson said that when the initial $500,000 cost for the project was established he "had no real basis to know how much that type of project would cost, and I knew that it was going to be close."

Simpson asked if there are enough funds remaining in the Common School Construction Loan to cover the higher cost of the security camera system.

Laura Boldery, chief financial officer for the school corporation, said enough funds are there, but she's still waiting until other projects are completed to know that for certain.

The remainder of the loan money is going towards renovations at Delbert O. King Gymnasium that include replacing the gymnasium floor, replacing the bleachers both upstairs and downstairs, replacing upstairs lights, installing an elevator to the upstairs bleachers and installing gates to close off the upstairs area of the gym when not in use.

In other business:

• The board approved a resolution to open invitations for bids on two-year contracts for eight district school bus routes while also approving route details and specifications. Watson said there are no significant changes to the routes, which were established in 2017, and the model year of a driver's bus is not an issue as long as the vehicle passes inspection.

Contracted bus driver Wanda Blair asked why the contracts are for two years instead of four years.

"After looking at it, based on the volatility of fuel, we thought it would be better than you don't get locked into something for four years, and we can hopefully stay on top of that," Stockdale said. "That's the main driving force behind that."

• Approved annual resolutions for end-of-year transfers between funds and to pre-pay emergency claims ahead of board meetings.

HANOVER COLLEGE

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CLASS 3A SECTIONAL

Long-range shooting leads to blowout win

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

CORYDON — The last time Madison stepped foot in Corydon's gym, it had one of its worst shooting performances of the season. There were no such problems this time.

Madison hit seven 3-pointers in the first half and nine in the game as the Cubs opened the Class 3A Sectional Tournament at Corydon with a 52-29 win over Salem on Tuesday.

Only six players saw action in the first half for the Cubs but five of them hit treys as they built a 31-12 halftime lead. While they cooled off considerably in the second half, the big lead was more than enough to send Madison into the semifinals.

"That's kind of been the story of our season. If we hit shots, we're pretty good, just like everybody else," Madison coach Adam Dennis said with a smile. "We were able to hit some shots early and came out really aggressive, which was nice to see."

Madison (10-11) has struggled with its offense throughout a rough second half of the season which had seen the Cubs win only once since Dec. 17. But after a slow start which saw Salem try to take the air out of the ball early, Madison was off to the races.

After Salem scored the first bucket of the game, Cam Cahall

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David Campbell

Salem's Sidney Brown battles to keep the ball away from Madison's Cadence Traylor (right) and Cam Cahall during Tuesday's sectional tourney opener at Corydon.

Strickland scores 1,000th in Carroll loss to Owen County

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Courtney Strickland became the latest Carroll County girls basketball player to reach the 1,000-point milestone, doing so in the Panthers' 62-39 loss at home to Owen County on Tuesday.

Strickland scored her milestone basket in the fourth quarter — her final points of the night — and ended the game with exactly 1,000 career points.

Strickland is the sixth Lady Panther to reach the mark in the past 20 seasons, joining Christie Wallace (2001) Whitney Ballinger (2007), Hannah Devine (2012), Miranda Groseclose (2016) and Andrea Searcy (2020). Ballinger's 1,853 points are the school's all-time record.

Carroll, now 12-12 overall, falls to 3-1 in the North Central Kentucky Conference and 6-2 in 31st District play. The Panthers host Gallatin County on Friday and travel to Shelby County on Saturday.

TRIMBLE BOYS LOSE TO GALLATIN

Ethan Horn scored 25 points but it wasn't enough as Trimble County suffered a 69-56 loss at Gallatin County in boys basketball on Tuesday.

James Thomas Wilcoxson added 15 points for the Raiders while Brayden Wilson chipped in six points.

Trimble, now 11-11 overall, falls to 0-4 in the NCKC and 3-5 in 31st District play. The Raiders host Henry County on Thursday and travel to South Oldham on Saturday.

CARROLL FALLS TO OWEN

Owen County star Teagan Moore, a 6-foot-5 combo guard who has signed with Western Kentucky, scored his school record 3,000th-career point to lead the Rebels to an 84-53 win at Carroll County in boys basketball on Tuesday.

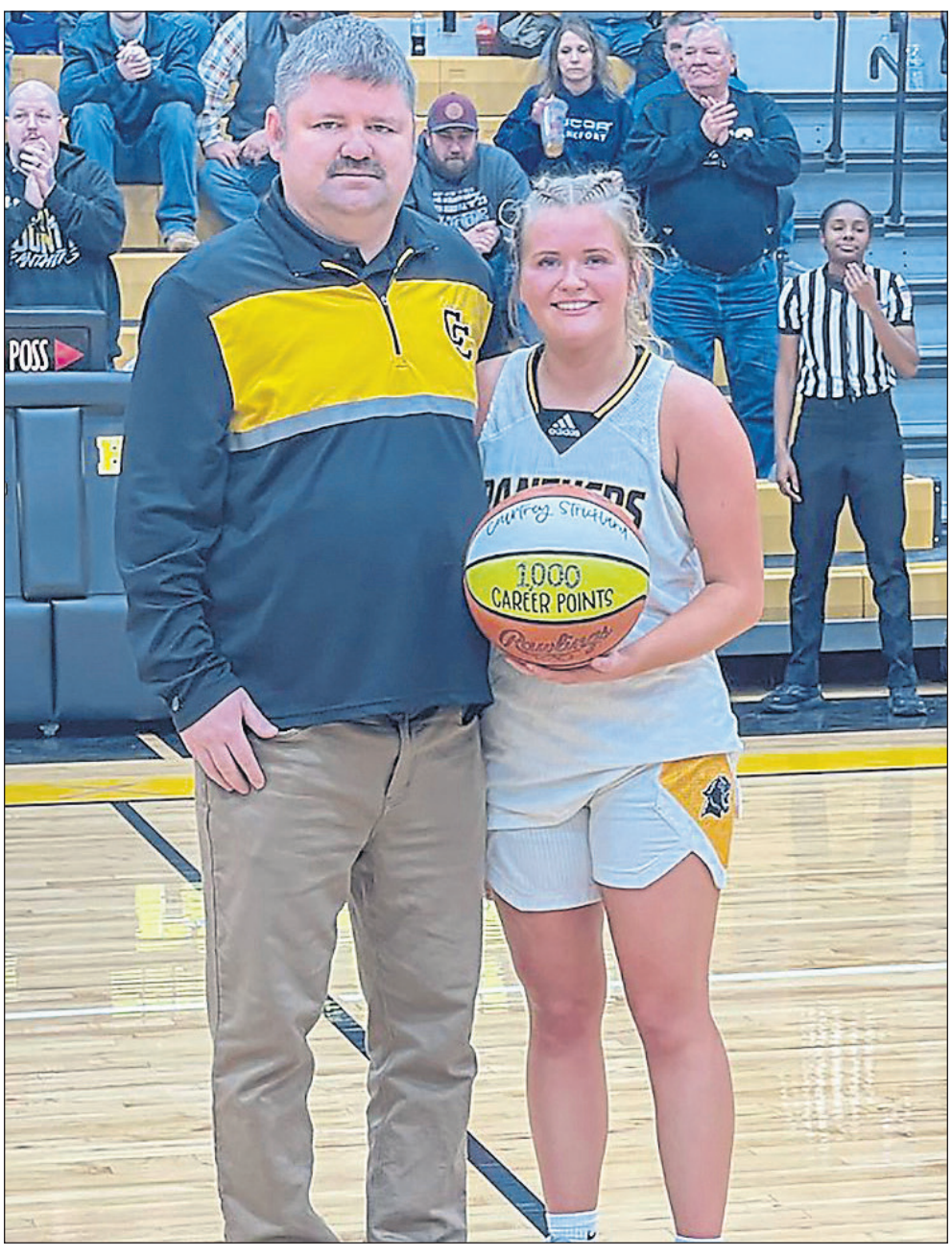
The loss snapped Carroll's four-game win streak, it's longest since the 2019-20 season.

The Panthers, now 5-15 on the season, fall to 2-2 in the NCKC and 3-5 in the 31st District. Carroll hosts Gallatin County on Thursday and hosts Villa Madonna on Saturday.

LADY RAIDERS LOSE 4TH-STRAIGHT

Trimble County lost for the fourth-straight game and seventh in the past eight outings 59-36 at Gallatin County in girls basketball on Tuesday.

The Raiders, now 8-15 overall, fall to 2-3 in the NCKC and 4-4 in the 31st District, hosts Henry County on Friday and Owen County next Tuesday.



Carroll County's Courtney Strickland (right) receives a commemorative basketball from head coach Scott Anderson after scoring her 1,000th career point in the Panthers' 62-39 loss to Owen County on Tuesday.

Submitted

CLASS 1A SECTIONAL

Shawe in loss to Trinity Lutheran

BY JORDAN BEAR

RISING SUN — Cold shooting in the first half doomed Shawe and the Hilltoppers' magical season came to a close with a 51-38 loss to fourth-ranked Trinity Lutheran in the opening game of Class A Sectional at Rising Sun on Tuesday.

The Hilltoppers simply couldn't get any offensive rhythm going in the first half, connecting on only five of the 20 shots they took from the field. Shawe outscored Trinity by two points in the second half but the early hole was too big to escape.

"You take away the first quarter and we played right with them. We were even," Shawe coach Drew Kring said. "I've got to have them ready, that's on me. I need to make sure they're in spots to succeed and get us easier looks and it just didn't happen. Sometimes the shots just don't fall and that's what happened tonight."

Shawe had many good looks in the first quarter but the shots simply didn't fall. That poor shooting, coupled with costly turnovers, were too much and the young Hilltoppers found themselves trailing 12-2 after the opening period.

Shawe finally found the net in the second quarter but more turnovers proved pivotal as the Hilltoppers trailed 26-11 at halftime.

Despite that deficit, the Hilltoppers didn't give up. They battled Trinity nearly even in the third, losing that quarter only 15-14, and then outscored the Cougars by three in the fourth.

But in the end, a team full of freshmen and sophomores couldn't overcome a veteran

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Stephanie Hellmann

Shawe's Hunter Mote (with ball) drives to the basket during the Hilltoppers' loss to Trinity Luitheran in the opening round of the Class A Sectional Tournament at Rising Sun on Tuesday.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 2

BASKETBALL

Carroll Co. boys host Gallatin Co., 7:30 p.m.
Madison boys host Seymour, 7:30 p.m.
Shawe boys at Christian Academy of Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern boys at South Ripley, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. boys host Henry Co., 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Madison, Southwestern, Switzerland Co. girls, IHSAA Sectional Prelims at Highland Hills MS, 5 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 3

BASKETBALL

Carroll Co. girls host Gallatin Co., 7:30 p.m.
Madison Christian boys host Columbus Hawks, 7:30 p.m.
Madison girls vs. Scottsburg, IHSAA Class 3A Sectional at Corydon, 6 p.m.
Southwestern/Henryville girls vs. Clarksville/Austin, IHSAA Class 2A Sectional at Austin, 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls vs. South Ripley, IHSAA Class 2A Sectional at Switzerland Co., 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. girls host Henry Co., 7:30 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Hanover, Tim Hreha Memorial at DePauw, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4

BASKETBALL

Shawe boys, Evansville Tournament, TBA
Switzerland Co. boys at New Washington, 12:30 p.m.
Hanover men at Earlham, 1 p.m.
Madison boys at Batesville, 1:30 p.m.
Carroll Co. boys host Villa Madonna, 2:30 p.m.
Carroll Co. girls at Shelby Co., 2:30 p.m.
Hanover women at Earlham, 3 p.m.
Trimble Co. boys at South Oldham, 5:30 p.m.
Madison/Scottsburg girls vs. Corydon/North Harrison, IHSAA Class 3A Sectional Championship at Corydon, 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern/Henryville/Clarksville/Austin girls vs. Providence/Brownstown, IHSAA Class 2A Sectional Championship at Austin, 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co./South Ripley girls vs. Hauser/Milan, IHSAA Class 2A Sectional Championship at Switzerland Co., 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Madison, Southwestern, Switzerland Co. girls, IHSAA Sectional Finals at Highland Hills MS, 9 a.m.

WRESTLING

Madison, Southwestern, Switzerland Co., IHSAA Regionals at Jeffersonville, 9 a.m.

Seniors help Kentucky pull away for 75-66 win over Ole Miss

OXFORD, Miss. — Antonio Reeves came off the bench to score a season-high 27 points, Oscar Tshiebwe had a double-double and Kentucky pulled away for a 75-66 victory over Mississippi on Tuesday night.

Reeves sank 8 of 12 shots from the floor, including 6 of 7 from 3-point range, and made all five of his free throws for the Wildcats (15-7, 6-3 Southeastern Conference). Tshiebwe finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds for his 13th double-double of the season. Jacob Toppin pitched in with 18 points and four assists.

Ole Miss used its freshman guards to play Kentucky to a 32-all tie in the first half. Amaree Abram had 11

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LOCAL LEAGUES

MONDAY, JAN. 30

Hanover Parks Department

Girls Basketball

'A' Division (K/1st)

Hanover Baby Polar Bears 30, Hanover Cookie Monsters 8 — Hayden Curry scored 24 to lead the Polar Bears; Charlotte Varble had six for the Cookie Monsters.

'B' Division (2nd/3rd)

Hanover Hoosiers 20, Hanover Bulldogs 10 — Olivia Nickell had 10 points for the Hoosiers; Charlee Black had six for the Bulldogs.

'C' Division (4th/5th)

Southwestern Lady Rebels 30, Hanover Teal Sharks 8 — Josie Hubbard had eight points to lead the Lady Rebels; Braylinn Curry scored four for the Team Sharks.

LOSS

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Trinity squad, which marched onto the semifinals with sights on a fourth-straight sectional crown.

"I'm so proud of them, more than I ever have been of any team I have been a part of," Kring said. "I told them that they have changed the perception of this program. They know how high their ceiling is, and I told them what they're capable of. I have had more fun than I ever have this year, and I wouldn't go to battle with any other team."

Freshman Audrey Barron led Shawe with 15 points while sophomore Ava Turner had 12 points and six rebounds. Freshman Hunter Mote had six points and sophomore Allison Knoebel had five.

Ohio University-bound Bailey Tabeling, Trinity Lutheran's all-time leading scorer, had 26 points but needed 25 shots to do so as she was the focus of the Shawe defense. Madison Keith had 10 points and 11 rebounds for the Cougars and Liza Froedge had 10 points.

Trinity Lutheran (19-6) will face winless Crothersville (0-16) in the sectional semifinals on Friday. Rising Sun (11-11), a 62-19 winner over Medora in the other opening round game on Tuesday, will take on New Washington (11-11) in the second semifinal.

Shawe ends the season with a 17-5 record, a school-best mark for wins in a season, and its first Ohio River Valley Conference championship since 1994. Despite the loss, the players know how special the season truly has been.

"This season was incredible. We set multiple records and won our first conference title in 29 years. It was a special season," Knoebel said. "We've all been playing together for a while, and we just click and have great chemistry. We're going to come back next year, and we'll be ready. We'll be back for sure."

WIN

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began the Madison blitz with a 3-pointer and Juliana Davis and Cadence Traylor followed with treys of their own. Cahall then capped the run with her second 3-pointer and the Cubs had a quick 12-2 lead less than five minutes into the game.

Salem (5-18) stopped the bleeding long enough to get the margin down to seven by the end of the first quarter, but three more treys at the start of the second quarter — by Casey Dyer, Traylor and Breck Ralston — staked Madison to a 27-11 lead and they never looked back.

Salem did its best to stay in the game, limiting Madison to just two more 3-pointers in the second half, but the damage was done. The Cubs led 31-12 at halftime and by as many as 24 in the third quarter before a final closing 9-0 run ended the game.

"(Salem coach) Jerry Hickey had a great game plan and he really gave us fits early, but we did a good job of battling through it," Dennis said. "I feel like there's some phenomenal coaches in this sectional with really, really good teams and good players. So we'll come in here and give our best shot on Friday."

Freshman Davis scored 16 points to lead a balanced Madison scoring attack while Cahall finished with 11 points and Dyer and Traylor had 10 each.

Sidney Burton led Salem with nine points while Sidney Brown scored seven before leaving the game with an apparent knee injury on the final play of the first half.

Madison's reward for the win is a rematch with Scottsburg (18-5). Until Tuesday, the Cubs' only win of 2023 had come at home against Scottsburg, a 56-47 overtime win on Jan. 17. Sixth-ranked Corydon (22-2) defeated Charlestown 58-39 in the other opening round game on Tuesday and will play rival North Harrison (5-16) in the semifinals on Friday. The championship game is 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at Corydon.

Dennis knows that the Warriorettes will be chomping at the bit to gain some revenge and he's happy to have a veteran team with five seniors in the top six to battle with on Friday.

"On the way up here, I was adding up how many hours they have practiced since third grade. And I landed on an estimate of 1,074 hours of in-season practice," Dennis said of his seniors. "And I said 'Think about how many more hours you have invested in spring, summer and fall workouts in those games. You have a huge investment in this. So go out and cash in on your investment.' And they did so tonight and we're proud of the way they played."

Burrow, Bengals falter, should remain among AFC contenders

BY MITCH STACY
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CINCINNATI — Joe Burrow and the Cincinnati Bengals didn't have another fantastic finish left in them.

That had been the specialty of a talented team with a generational quarterback who could find creative ways to win games.

The Bengals were supremely confident after winning 10 in a row heading into the AFC championship game against the Kansas City Chiefs, a team they had beaten three times in the past 13 months, including in the AFC title game last year.

But too many mistakes doomed the Bengals in Sunday night's 23-20 loss.

"In football — it's either winning or misery," center Ted Karras said. "We're on the misery end tonight."

Cincinnati's patchwork offensive line had trouble protecting Burrow, who was sacked five times. The defense couldn't do enough to contain Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes, even though he was playing on a sprained right ankle.

Mahomes led the Chiefs into position for the winning field goal in the final seconds.

The decisive drive began with a poor punt by Cincinnati's Drue Chrisman. Skyy Moore took Chrisman's low line drive down the middle of the field and returned it 29 yards to the Kansas City 47.

Three plays later, on third-and-4, Mahomes scrambled for a first down and Bengals defensive lineman Joseph Ossai hit the Chiefs' QB out of bounds, drawing a 15-yard penalty. That gave the Chiefs the ball on the Cincinnati 27 with 8 seconds left.

Harrison Butker converted the game-winning 45-yard field goal.

MAGIC RUNS OUT

There were no last-minute heroics for Burrow this time. Cincinnati had the ball with 2:30 left and the score tied, but the Bengals' final drive ended with a sack that forced Chrisman's punt.

"It felt like the tide was turning our way, and it felt like we were going to find a way to win this game," Burrow said.

"What a fantastic opportunity we had, and I'm very grateful that I got to be here and play in these big games and do what we did this year," Karras said. "Unfortunately ... it's over and the opportunity is lost, but we can't forget about all of the effort, hard work and all of the good we did this year. It will hurt for a while.

"These two weeks going into the Super Bowl will be kind of sad but after that, let's get ready to go for 2023."

OBSTACLES

The defending AFC champs lost their first two games and started the season 4-4. The low point was an embarrassing 32-13 loss to Cleveland on Halloween.

A 42-21 win over Carolina the next week started the 10-game win streak. Cincinnati won its second straight AFC North title and beat Baltimore at home and Buffalo on the road in the playoffs.

Cincinnati got there while managing injuries at various times to running back Joe Mixon, receivers Ja'Marr Chase, Tee Higgins and Tyler Boyd, and defensive linemen Sam Hubbard and Trey Hendrickson.

The Bengals faced Buffalo and Kansas City with backups playing for three injured starters on the offensive line. The patchwork group held up well in snowy conditions against the Bills but faltered against Chiefs defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo's blitz-heavy scheme.

KEEPING THE CORE

Most of Cincinnati's key players will be back.

The Bengals already have begun restructuring their finances so they can offer Burrow a rich, multi-year contract extension to keep him in Cincinnati. Burrow said this season that the Bengals' championship window would last his "whole career."

SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

• Shawe Junior High girls basketball swept Rising Sun on Monday.

The seventh grade won 22-8. Brylee Liter had 14 points and Alison Jijon-Hamilton four for the Hilltoppers.

The eighth grade won 23-12. Nora May had 11 points and Maria Ameca-Mendoza and Lucy Wilhelm scored four each for Shawe.

• Southwestern Middle School swimming will begin practices on Monday.

Practices will take place Monday through Friday from 3-4:30 p.m. at the high school pool. Fifth grade students are eligible to participate on the middle school swim team. They will need a note from their parents to the elementary office stating that they are allowed to walk to the high school pool or be let off their bus at the high school each day for practice.

Middle school swim season runs from February until spring break. Most swim meets are home meets. Team swimsuits will be ordered and usually cost less than $30. Team suits are not required, but recommended.

Students wishing to participate in middle school swimming, will need to have a practice swimsuit, towel and goggles (recommended) for practice on that Monday.

For more information, contact Shelly Anderson Hamilton at sanderson@swjcs.us or call 812-866-1195.

THURSDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	WA..	NBC..	WA..	News	Law (N)		Law-SVU (N)		Law-Crime (N)		WA..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBS..	BigBa..	Sheldon	Sheldon	Ghosts	So Help Me (N)		CSI: Vegas (N)		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBC..	WLWT	Holly..	Law (N)		Law-SVU (N)		Law-Crime (N)		News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Zone	ET (N)	Walker		Walker		News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	The List	Jeopardy! (SF)		Parent (N)		The Chase (N)		News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Insid..	Jeopardy! (SF)		Parent (N)		The Chase (N)		News
15 WKPC	13		World..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Antiques		Doc Martin		Father Brown		World..
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopa..	Kitchen (N)		Welco..	Kat (N)	FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBS..	Wheel	Jeopa..	Sheldon	Ghosts	So Help Me (N)		CSI: Vegas (N)		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Walker		Walker		BigBa..	Sheldon	black-i..
41 WDRB	8	9	WD..	News	Judge..	Judge..	Kitchen (N)		Welco..	Kat (N)	WDRB News		WD..
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		First (N)		Accused (N)		The Stand (N)		First48
AMC	29	26	Movie	★★★★ Groundhog Day ('93) Bill Murray.					★★★★ Groundhog Day ('93) Bill Murray.				
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DISN	25	29	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Hams..	Big City	★ Alvin & the Chipmu...		Hams..		Big City	Hams..	Ladyb..
ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter		Pro Bowl (N) (Live)			Basketball Maryland at Iowa (N)			Basketball		
FREE	18	40	★★★ Sweet Home Alabama ('02)					★★★ The Proposal ('09) Sandra Bullock.					700Club
FX	40	28	(3:00) ★ Interste...		★★★★ The Martian ('15) Matt Damon.						★★★★ The Martian ('15)		
HBO	201	17	(5:45) ★★★ The King's Man ('21)				★★★★ Hereditary ('18)				(:10) The Last of Us		
MAX	270	73	Movie	★ The One I Love (P)			★★★ Tommy Boy ('95)			(:40) ★★ Black Sheep ('96)			Movie
NEWSNTN	20	20	Rush Hour (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	★★★★ Top Gun ('86) Tom Cruise.					★ Forrest Gump	
SHOW	221	16	★★★★ Attica ('21)				★★★★ Good Will Hunting ('97)				(:05) Your Honor		Movie
TMC	233	74	★★★ Falling ('20)				★ Murina ('21)			(:40) ★ Sophie Jones ('20)			Movie
TNT	27	43	Movie	Game	Tip-Off	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball		
USA	26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		★★★★ John Wick ('14)				★ Enemy of the State		

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4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBS..	BigBa..	Sheldon	S.W.A.T. (N)		Fire (N)		Blue Bloods (N)		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBC..	WLWT	Holly..	Lopez..	Young..	Dateline NBC (N)				News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Insid..	ET (N)	Penn (N)		Criss Angel (N)		News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	The List	Shark Tank		20/20				News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Insid..	Shark Tank		20/20				News
15 WKPC	13		World..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Com..	Wash	Making		Making		World..
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopa..	Fri. Night SmackDown (N) (Live)				FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBS..	Wheel	Jeopa..	S.W.A.T. (N)		Fire (N)		Blue Bloods (N)		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Penn (N)		Criss Angel (N)		BigBa..	Sheldon	black-i..
41 WDRB	8	9	WD..	News	Judge..	Judge..	Fri. Night SmackDown (N) (Live)				WDRB News		WD..
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		First 48 "Unforgotten: Crystal"				The First 48		
AMC	29	26	(5:15) ★★★★ Point Break ('91)				★★★ Now You See Me ('13)					★ Now You Se...	
COM	45	59	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	TheOf..	South..
DISC	31	38	Gold Rush		Gold Rush (N)		Gold Rush (N)		(:05) Gold (N)		(:10) Aussie		Gold..
DISN	25	29	Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	★ The Peanuts Movie (P)			Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Jessie
ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter		2023 NHL All-Star Skills Competition (N) (Live)						Boxing		
FREE	18	40	Famil..	Famil..	Famil..	Famil..	Famil..	Famil..	Famil..	Famil..	Famil..	Famil..	700Club
FX	40	28	(5:00) ★★★★ X2 ('03)				★★★ The Wolverine ('13) Hugh Jackman.					★ X-Men: Ap...	
HBO	201	17	Movie	(:25) Ga..	★★★★ The Batman ('22) Robert Pattinson.						Real Time (N)		Game
MAX	270	73	Movie	★★★★ Gravity ('13)			★ The Card Counter (P)			(:55) ★★★ Daybreakers ('09) (P)			
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SHOW	221	16	Movie	(:45) ★★★ Shooter ('07) Mark Wahlberg.					Stand (N)				YourH..
TMC	233	74	(:10) ★★★ Trespass Against Us				★★★ Be Cool ('05) John Travolta.				★★★★ Logan Lucky ('17)		
TNT	27	43	(4:30) ★ Ready Player O...		★★★★ Ant-Man ('15) Paul Rudd.						Rampage (N)		Movie
USA	26	33	(5:30) ★★★★ John Wick		★★★★ John Wick: Chapter 2 ('17)						(:05) ★ John Wick: Cha...		

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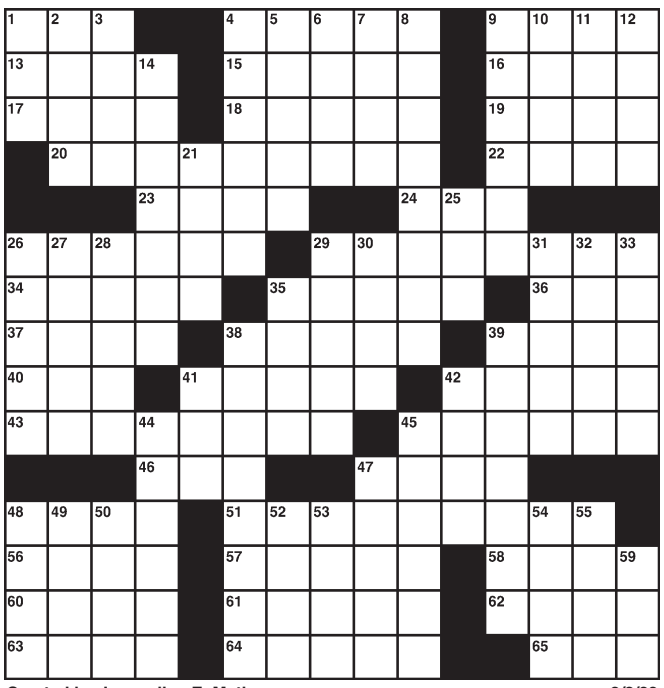
ACROSS
1 "Ode __ Nightingale"
4 Address for a woman
9 Singing voice
13 Sothern & Blyth
15 Glorify
16 Ponce de __
17 Impolite
18 Barn youngsters
19 Golfer's transport
20 Word divisions
22 Columbus' place
23 Actor Rob
24 Sombrero
26 Bits of mistletoe
29 In the __; from now until then
34 Lifting machine
35 In a playfully shy way
36 Prefix for sense or profit
37 __ out; peal
38 New; original
39 Oaf
40 __ up; misbehave
41 Cherished
42 Canadian migrants
43 Annoyed
45 Leaning
46 Curved edge
47 Cash register
48 Gymnast Korbut
51 Rising
56 Paper quantity
57 Detroit team
58 __ up; absorb
60 Cut off split ends
61 Glenn, for one
62 Saga
63 Stable staple
64 Local __; small-town resident
65 Clucker

DOWN
1 Feather's partner, in phrase
2 Burden; obligation
3 Opie's pa
4 Long-tailed parrots
5 Hacienda brick
6 Barbie, for one
7 Johnson of "Laugh-In"
8 Army dining room
9 "Little Women" author
10 Actress Remini
11 Roloff or Spelling
12 Climb __; mount
14 Auctioning off
21 Expensive seating section
25 Word attached to body or time
26 Fragment
27 Cost
28 Carries on
29 Changed addresses
30 Spied on
31 Narrow waterway
32 Big game
33 Finished
35 Sheltered bay
38 Usual situation
39 Yo-Yo Ma, by trade
41 Ring around the collar
42 Overlay with gold
44 Vagrants
45 Christmas tree glitter
47 Past or present
48 Approximately
49 __ Horne
50 Trot or canter
52 Fodder holder
53 Kitchen worker
54 Flood survivor
55 Powerful wind
59 Boxer Norton



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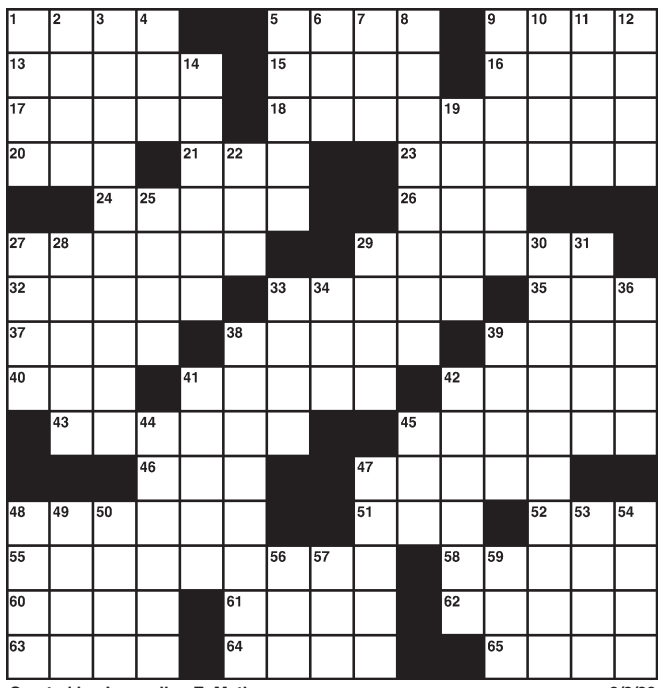
ACROSS
1 Nutcase
5 Fiasco
9 "Besides that…"
13 Do-nothing
15 Lion's cry
16 Gentleman caller
17 Automobile maker
18 Caregiver
20 Yrbk. section
21 Metal container
23 Dieter's concerns
24 Sounds of distress
26 CBS rival
27 In a sluggish way
29 Singer Franklin
32 Smear in print
33 Quick breakfast
35 Lawn tree
37 Rarin' to go
38 Lugged a disabled car
39 TV's "La __"
40 Singer Tillis
41 Out of style
42 Strainer
43 Scarcity
45 Virginia & others
46 Drill tip
47 Human trunk
48 Piano practice drill
51 Bleater
52 __ the birds; ridiculous
55 Brotherly
58 Fragrance
60 Phony
61 Late Chief Justice Warren
62 Earn
63 Eur. nation
64 Prepares Easter eggs
65 Flea collar wearers

DOWN
1 Children
2 Reason to spray Glade
3 Cutlass maker
4 Small cask
5 Tarkenton & Drescher
6 Building site
7 Word attached to meal or cake
8 Readied
9 Kidnap
10 Thin
11 Hourglass contents
12 Pitcher's delights
14 Remember
19 Prize for Nelson Mandela
22 "__ Given Sunday"; Pacino film
25 Was in debt
27 Criticize harshly
28 Existed
29 Getting on in years
30 Up until now
31 Headache chaser
33 The one and the other
34 In __ of; floored by
36 West's namesakes
38 Raggedy
39 Unfair slant
41 "D" on a gear selector
42 Fishing spot
44 Lessened
45 Female animal
47 __ on; reports the misdeeds of
48 Kills, slangily
49 Stick in one's __; rankle
50 __ away; subtract
53 Fail to include
54 Black Plague spreaders
56 Thumbs-down vote
57 "__ You Lonesome Tonight?"
59 House member's title: abbr.



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Traumatized veteran seeks healing

AMY **DICKINSON** ASK AMY

Dear Amy: I'm a 41-year-old man. My wife is 34.

We've been married for 15 years. We have two children, ages 14 and eight.

Our marriage has been difficult, mainly due to my PTSD from Iraq and an opioid addiction. Once I got sober, I shut out the world.

I was an avoidant parent.

My wife stuck with me through all of this, but 18 months ago she confessed to a short-lived affair.

We've decided to reconcile. I've since changed as far as being avoidant, she's changed and made great efforts, but I'm so profoundly affected by her affair that I tend to get stuck and have a hard time getting through the day without being angry or sad.

I know I was a crappy husband. She wasn't perfect either, but this whole thing about her stepping out of that marriage is crushing.

I'm trying to forgive, she's working hard on everything, and yet I often feel very empty and lonely, as well as angry.

We've had counseling for about 14 months, but I feel like I need to find healing for me, not just the marriage.

I'm finding it very difficult. Any advice? — J

Dear J: You are objectively presenting your own challenges and the extreme impact — over many years — on your family. Your wife stuck with you throughout this ordeal. She doesn't seem to be blaming you for your own extreme challenges, and you seem to be trying very hard not to blame her for hers.

You definitely need healing — for you. You don't mention what, if any, treatment you've had for your PTSD, but I urge you to start, continue, or resume treatment.

Prospective grandmother can't celebrate baby

AMY **DICKINSON** ASK AMY

Dear Amy: I know I'm old-fashioned, but I still think I'm right!

My son has been dating a young lady for about six months. They live together. She has a 3-year-old child and no relationship with that child's father.

Now she and my son are expecting a child of their own.

I am not thrilled. He is 29 and she is 24.

They would like me to host a baby shower for them.

I'm sure I will love the baby, but I am not comfortable asking friends and family to celebrate this pregnancy.

I don't want to alienate them, but I really don't want to do this. I did offer to host a wedding for them. I think parents should be married.

— Reluctant Grandma

Dear Reluctant: If you don't want to host a shower for the baby, then perhaps the child's mother has someone in her life who will step up.

If you refuse to celebrate this pregnancy, and you won't ask, expect, or encourage others to celebrate this pregnancy, then — aside from the couple's marital status — this baby is already starting life disadvantaged.

Baby showers are intended to create a circle of support for expectant parents, but they are really supposed to be about the baby.

Your old-fashioned standards are putting quite a burden on a baby that didn't ask to come into this world and hasn't been born yet.

Imagine the difference for a child that is born into an accepting and welcoming relationship with its grandmother, versus a grandmother that disapproves of and is disappointed by its existence because of the parents' marital status.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Have faith there is a rosy future ahead. The people who grow closer now should have your best interests at heart. If you take their advice, you could benefit in several ways. Don't disregard a change to your financial status.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may be restless for change and willing to experiment. Do not disrupt your life by challenging those in authority. Put a fresh spin on career prospects by making new contacts. Ask family members for advice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Don't be afraid to step up. It is better to handle essential tasks on your own and know they are done rather than delegating authority now. Don't lose heart if your wallet seems to become empty faster than you'd like.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Watch for body language that tells you the truth. You might enjoy a flirtation, but a little voice may tell you it is best to just remain friends. You may be happy for an opportunity to pay it forward this time around.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may be tempted to sow wild oats but would likely be better off and more content with domesticated ones. If you are in a committed relationship, find new ways to satisfy cravings for excitement and change.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Pleasant relationships are important to you, but at times you may be too idealistic, or harbor unrealistic expectations. Handle controversies with kid gloves. Burying the truth never works — it always comes to light.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Do your best to give people the benefit of the doubt, at least initially, and they may work harder to prove themselves and to stay in your good graces. The friend zone may be more advantageous than romantic hookups right now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Walk a moderate line and avoid extremes. Someone may cause you stress by being disruptive and unpredictable. Your efforts to do a good job will reflect well on your sincerity and enhance your reputation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You may have an opportunity to improve your status. Demonstrate loyalty to increase the level of trust within an intimate relationship. The people in your inner circle are likely to be in a generous, tolerant mood.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A family member's suggestions can impact your perspective and put you on the right track. Satisfy a thirst for excitement by playing with something that may have been gathering dust rather than buying something new.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Adapting to the march of time is the only way forward. If you hold on, you could be dragged. If the world is shifting, decide what to hang onto and what to release. Seek a respected person's sound advice before you make a crucial change.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Your innate generosity shows when you prove you believe in "share and share alike." Being fully accountable and learning from your mistakes retains your power. Blaming others when things don't go your way destroys it.

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — This could be a good time to share your innermost feelings with a special someone if all signs look good. Put your heads together and make plans while you are likely wiser than usual. Give your trust to people who have proven they deserve it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Contentment doesn't come with guarantees. There could be some awkward moments or disruptive events that briefly disturb your inner harmony. Do not make irrevocable decisions while changes are in process.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — This is a good time for planning sessions and mending fences. You should be able to figure out a way to handle a financial situation that could allow you to be able to take a rest from additional bills and financial obligations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you have abundant energy, use it constructively and don't be afraid to show the extent of your enthusiasm. You may have a "get out of jail free" card you can play now, but that doesn't mean you can take advantage.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may receive praise and a pat on the back by doing a good deed, but it's the self-satisfaction that really counts. Have faith that everything will work out for the best if your family routines are upset or your career is up in the air.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Opinions may be at opposite ends of the spectrum, but you recognize a good thing when you see it. Plenty of people march to the beat of a different drummer, but it's important to also be able to work cooperatively.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You display a sincere interest in others and exude warmth. Some people may read this as flirtation when it is merely friendliness and human kindness. Build solid and reliable relationships that provide mutual support

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You are eager to meet new people and expand your horizons. A partner could misunderstand your restless desire for excitement. You might become frustrated if a loved one changes their mind too often.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Let your faith in your destiny blot out any fears. This could be a good time to put plans into motion and let your intuition be your guide. It can be easy to prove you are trustworthy and have valuable skills.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Once you have latched onto a good thing, treasure it. You will receive the best guidance and support from family members. Don't change investments or the way you handle the budget just to test the latest theories.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may want something you can't have. Whether you are hungry for love or crave financial security, seek out those who will support your plans. Modern changes may upset those trying to hold onto the past.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Reassess your assets. This is a time to get back on track if you exceeded the budget or were extravagant. Rifts recede into the background and a spirit of forgiveness should allow you to make amends when needed.

Purdue a unanimous No. 1 in AP Top 25; Vols up to No. 2

BY DAVE SKRETTA
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Purdue became this season's first unanimous No. 1 team in the AP Top 25 men's college basketball poll Monday after wins over Michigan and Michigan State last week as chaos ensued behind the Boilermakers among other ranked teams.

UCLA dropped to ninth after losing to Southern California and Texas rounded out the top 10.

More than half of Top 25 teams lost, including second-ranked Alabama, which was routed by Oklahoma in the Big 12-SEC Challenge. That allowed Purdue to grab the remaining No. 1 votes and tighten its grip atop the poll, while Tennessee jumped two spots to second and Houston held onto third in voting by 62 national media members.

The Boilermakers (21-1) have won eight straight since a one-point loss to Rutgers on Jan. 2.

"We're the No. 1 team in the country because of how unselfish we are as a team," Purdue guard David Jenkins Jr. said. "We had a lot of people doubting us in the beginning because, you know, we may not be the most talented team or whatever, but we're close on the court and off the court and it's really translating to how we're winning."

The Volunteers climbed to their highest perch since reaching No. 1 for four weeks during the 2018-19 season. They routed Georgia before becoming one of three SEC teams to beat Big 12 opponents on Saturday, knocking off No. 10 Texas 82-71 for their fifth consecutive win over a top-10 team.

Perhaps this is the year Rick Barnes finally gets the Vols through the Sweet 16 for the first time as their coach.

"We have a chance to be as good as we want to be," he said. "It's up to one thing: Are we tough enough to embrace the daily grind? And not worry about going to the Final Four or worry about going to the NCAA Tournament, but can we build a team that can be successful that time of year? It starts with truly embracing the grind."

The Crimson Tide dropped to fourth after the blowout loss to the Sooners, when Alabama fell behind by 17 at halftime in an eventual 93-69 defeat. The Tide edged fifth-ranked Arizona by just two points in this week's poll.

"It doesn't have any effect on SEC standings, which is the only good thing to come out of this," Alabama coach Nate Oats said of the lopsided loss. "Hopefully we'll recover from a loss out of conference, but you know, it's not good."

Virginia was sixth and Kansas State, which rebounded from a narrow loss at No. 13 Iowa State by pummeling Florida on Saturday, fell two spots to seventh; the Wildcats face eighth-ranked Kansas in a top-10 showdown Tuesday night.

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Baylor continued its climb from unranked to No. 11 following wins over the Jayhawks and Arkansas. The Bears were followed by Gonzaga, Iowa State, Marquette and league rival TCU — the sixth Big 12 team in the top 15.

Xavier, Providence, Saint Mary's, Florida Atlantic and Clemson completed the top 20, while poll returners Indiana and San Diego State joined Miami, UConn and Auburn in rounding out the Top 25.

RISING AND FALLING

The No. 11 Bears and No. 17 Providence made the biggest leaps, each climbing six spots from last week.

"I think our defense is better. Our turnovers are better. When you don't give people easy transition baskets, now its five-on-five in the half court," said Baylor coach Scott Drew, whose team had a date with the Longhorns on Monday night.

"We execute at a pretty high rate," Drew said. "It really comes down to taking care of the ball, making sure we get shots up and when you don't make them, you've got to get rebounds. And our guys are buying into that."

Auburn took the biggest hit of those still in the poll, dropping 10 places after losses to unranked Texas A&M and West Virginia.

IN AND OUT

The Hoosiers returned to the poll at No. 21 and the Aztecs rejoined it right behind them. They took the place of Charleston, which fell out from No. 18 after losing to Hofstra, and New Mexico, which lost to Nevada in double overtime last week.

CONFERENCE CALL

The Big 12's dominance of the SEC in the final year of their head-to-head challenge was rewarded in the poll, where the league led the way with six ranked teams and all of them in the top 15. The Big East has four teams in the poll but none higher than No. 14 Marquette, while the SEC and ACC have three teams apiece.

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Kentucky's Oscar Tshiebwe voted as state's top sports figure

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky men's basketball forward Oscar Tshiebwe, who was named The Associated Press' top player on the way to sweeping all six national awards last spring, has been voted the Lexington Herald-Leader's Kentucky Sports Figure of the Year.

Tshiebwe is the first Wildcats player selected since Anthony Davis in 2012. He led four Kentucky athletes in the top five in voting by 143 media members statewide.

Track and field star Abby Steiner, a three-time NCAA champion who also won the U.S. 200-meter title and two relay gold medals for Team USA at the World Championships, was second. Next were women's basketball star Rhyne Howard, who became WNBA rookie of the year after leading Kentucky to its first Southeastern Conference tournament title in 40 years; 400-meter hurdles world record holder Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone; and champion colt Flightline, who dominated the Breeders' Cup Classic at Keeneland.

Tsheibwe's breakout junior season swept honors as the nation's top player and included the Naismith Trophy and Wooden Award. The 6-foot-9 native of the Democratic Republic of the Congo led the nation with 15.2 rebounds and averaged 17.4 points per game last season and set school records for games with double figures scoring and rebounding.

Maryland snaps No. 21 Indiana's 5-game streak with 66-55 victory

BY NOAH TRISTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Jahmir Young scored 20 points, Donta Scott added 19 and Maryland snapped No. 21 Indiana's five-game winning streak with a 66-55 victory Tuesday night.

The Terrapins (15-7, 6-5 Big Ten) gave their NCAA Tournament hopes another boost, adding a victory over the Hoosiers (15-7, 6-5) to a resume that already included wins over Miami, Illinois and Ohio State. The Terps are 12-1 at home in Kevin Willard's first season as coach.

Maryland won despite shooting 34% from the field and 5 of 22 from 3-point range. The Terps were able to defend just about everything Indiana tried, double-teaming Trayce Jackson-Davis and limiting the Hoosiers to 11 attempts from beyond the arc.

Jackson-Davis did have 18 points and 20 rebounds. He surpassed 1,000 in the latter category for his career.

Maryland attempted 10 3-pointers in the first 10 minutes, making only one, but the Terps made up for their spotty shooting by taking excellent care of the ball. They didn't have a single turnover in the first half and went into the break with a 37-29 lead.

Indiana scored the first six points after halftime, but Maryland answered with a four-point possession thanks to an intentional foul by Tamar Bates.

Young scored inside to give the Terps a 54-42 advantage, and although the Hoosiers crept back with a 7-0 run, they were never really able to solve Maryland's defense.

Jalen Hood-Schifino, Indiana's No. 2 scorer this season, was held to three points on 1-of-14 shooting.

BIG PICTURE

Indiana: The Hoosiers had a chance to take a lengthy winning streak into their in-state showdown with top-ranked Purdue this weekend, but they fell flat against Maryland.

Maryland: The Terps showed they could topple a good team at home even on a very poor shooting night — because they didn't beat themselves. They finished with only five turnovers.

UP NEXT

The Hoosiers host No. 1 Purdue on Saturday (**TV:** Live on ESPN at 4 p.m.)

SENIORS

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points and TJ Caldwell scored nine for the Rebels. The duo combined to shoot 8 of 17 from the floor and both made a 3-pointer.

Kentucky's seniors — Reeves, Tshiebwe and Toppin — took over in the second half.

Neither team scored until Tshiebwe's three-point play at the 18-minute mark gave Kentucky the lead. Reeves scored the next eight points for the Wildcats and they matched their biggest lead at 43-37 with 15 minutes left to play. Toppin scored six points in an 8-0 run and Kentucky took a 58-45 lead with eight minutes left to play.

Abram answered with back-to-back 3-pointers to get the Rebels within 58-51, but Reeves followed with two free throws and a 3-pointer to spark a 9-2 run and Kentucky wasn't threatened from there.

Abram finished with 17 points to lead the Rebels (9-13, 1-8), who have lost four straight. Caldwell added 12 points and reserve Jayveous McKinnis scored 10.

Kentucky and Mississippi have played 124 times. The Wildcats have won 110 of them.

The Wildcats now host Florida (12-9, 5-3) on Saturday at Rupp Arena in Lexington, Kentucky (**TV:** Live on ESPN at 8:30 p.m.)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Redevelopment Commission of the City of Madison, Indiana until **9:30 A.M.** local time on the **28th day of February, 2023** in the Clerk's Office, Madison City Hall, 101 W Main Street, Madison, IN 47250, for the construction of the following project:

HEAR OF MADISON – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BEECH GROVE AVENUE EXTENSION AND SITE GRADING

This project consists of full-depth construction of an extension of Beech Grove Avenue, ending in a cul-de-sac, including curb and gutter, sidewalk, storm sewers, water main extension, earth grading, and all other items shown on the plans and mentioned in the specifications for a complete project.

At the hour of **9:30 A.M**. local time on the **28th day of February, 2023** all bids for this construction will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Council Chambers, Madison City Hall.

The bids shall be Unit Price for all work shown on the plans and called for in the specifications with unit prices for extras as detailed in the Instructions to Bidders in the specifications and submitted in duplicate on the State Board of Accounts Form No. 96. An executed State Board of Accounts Form 96a or similar document shall be required. The bidder must file with their sealed bid proposal, a certified check or a bid bond in the amount of five (5) percent of the total bid, payable to the City of Madison Redevelopment Commission. The above checks or bonds are to insure the execution of the contract on which such bids are made. The Contractor to whom the work is awarded will be required to furnish, before commencing work, a performance, maintenance and payment bond to extend for a period of one year after final acceptance, in an amount equal to the bid price of the contract awarded to said Contractor and Certificates of all Insurance as described in the Contract Documents.

The Contract Documents, including the Plans and Specifications are on file for public inspection at Madison City Hall, 101 W Main Street, Madison, IN 47250.

Copies of these documents may be obtained for bidding purposes from Lynn Imaging, 11460 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville, KY 40299, by payment of a non-refundable fee of two hundred dollars ($200.00). Plans may be ordered through the website at www.lynnimaging.com. Please forward questions to Lynn Imaging at (502) 499-8400.

All sealed bids shall be turned in to the Clerk's Office, Madison City Hall, 101 W Main Street, Madison, IN 47250.

The Redevelopment Commission of the City of Madison, Indiana reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities in bidding.

CITY OF MADISON REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Tony Steinhardt III, Director of Economic Development
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COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT 2021TERM
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2102-EU-00016
IN THE MATTER OF
THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF
DENNIS CARROLL McMANNIS,
Deceased.

NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Jeremy Jines and Amanda Simeon were, on the 18th day of February, 2021, appointed personal representatives of the estate of Dennis McMannis, deceased, and is serving as personal representatives of the decedent's estate, and were authorized to proceed under unsupervised administration.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not due now, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claim will be forever barred.

DATED at Madison, Indiana
February 19, 2021
Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County
Jennifer A. Joas
JOAS LAW, LLC
413 East Main Street Madison, Indiana 47250 (812) 265-1616
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COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT 2023 TERM
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2301-EU-7
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THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF
RACHEL MATTHEWS,
Deceased.

NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Jeffrey Allen Matthews was, on the 22nd day of January, 2023, appointed personal representative of the estate of Rachel Matthews, deceased, and is serving as personal representative of the decedent's estate, and was authorized to proceed under unsupervised administration.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not due now, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claim will be forever barred.

DATED at Madison, Indiana
January 22, 2023
Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County
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Alcohol & Tobacco Commission
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Alcohol Beverage Board of Jefferson County, Indiana will hold a public hearing at 1:00 pm on February 13, 2023 at the Jefferson Co. Courthouse, 300 E Main, Commissioner's Room, in the city of Madison in said county, to investigate the propriety of holding an alcoholic beverage permit by the applicants listed herein to wit:

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KELLY HARRISON-HANCHER 13 OHIO AVE APT 1 Hanover, Secretary
DL3926767 Beer Wine & Liquor - Drug Store RENEWAL
WALGREEN CO 129 CLIFTY DR Madison IN
D/B/A WALGREENS #10720
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GRAHAM TOWNSHIP, JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
CASH & INVESTMENTS COMBINED STATEMENT – 2022

	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan. 1, 2022	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec. 31, 2022
Governmental Activities	2	Fire Fighting	$3,181.67	$12,198.93	$8,000.00	$7,380.60
	3	Levy Excess	$54.40	$0.00	$0.00	$54.40
	4	Township	$11,832.92	$26,319.17	$16,296.10	$21,855.99
	5	Township Assistance	$9,175.65	$2,797.71	$7,833.10	$4,140.26
	777	Payroll Taxes/IRS/State/County Taxes	$0.79	$492.10	$0.00	$492.89
		Total All Funds	**$24,245.43**	**$41,807.91**	**$32,129.20**	**$33,924.14**

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Republican Township, Jefferson County, Indiana
Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2022

	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan 1, 2022	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec 31, 2022
Governmental Activities	1	Cumulative Fire	$12,175.34	$17,168.97	$17,000.00	$12,344.31
	3	Fire Fighting	$11,112.34	$15,912.71	$15,303.00	$11,722.05
	5	Township	$49,459.26	$20,874.11	$17,801.64	$52,531.73
	6	Township Assistance	$19,337.28	$7,629.33	$4,868.87	$22,097.74
		Total All Funds	**$92,084.22**	**$61,585.12**	**$54,973.51**	**$98,695.83**

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CERTIFICATION
State of Indiana
SS:
Jefferson County

I, Angie Sims, Trustee of REPUBLICAN TOWNSHIP, Jefferson County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report contains the information required by Indiana code 36-6-4-13, and is true and correct; that the amounts with which I am charged in this report are all of the amounts received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the amounts stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. A complete abstract that contains the statements required under Indiana Code 36-6-4-13(a)(5) and (a)(6) is available for inspection in the county auditor's office.

I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.

Angie Sims
REPUBLICAN TOWNSHIP Trustee
Telephone: 812-701-3173
Date this report was to be published: 1/20/23

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of REPUBLICAN TOWNSHIP at its annual meeting, this 20th day of January, 2023.
Charles T. Webber, Republican Township Board Chairman

This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 16th day of January, 2023.
Republican Township Board:
Kim Humphrey
Jack Stoner

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Turner finds security in new deal and Pacers add flexibility

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers center Myles Turner grew tedious of the semiannual trade rumors.

Each February and each summer in recent years, the 6-foot-11 former Texas star would hear and see his name linked to a new deal. Virtually every time, Turner explained his preference was to stay with the team that drafted him in 2015 and help chase a championship.

Now he could be getting three more chances to achieve his dream. On Monday, after a month of negotiations, Turner signed a two-year contract extension that takes him through the end of the 2024-25 season — and perhaps finally end all the distracting speculation.

"Definitely there's a sense of relief knowing there's some security and you can just play the game," he said following the news conference. "It (the trade rumors) is something I've been through my entire career. But I wanted to be here in Indy."

The two-year extension, plus a renegotiated contract for the rest of this season, gives Turner an additional $60 million and is salary-cap friendly to the Pacers.

Indiana was under the salary-cap floor this season, a situation that would have required additional payouts anyway, and with the next two years and all five of this year's starters locked into deals for next season, the Pacers now have even more flexibility heading into the Feb. 9 trade deadline and offseason.

One big factor in Turner's decision to sign now rather than test the free-agent market this summer was that he had returned to his natural position following last February's swap that sent All-Star forward Domantas Sabonis to Sacramento for point guard Tyrese Haliburton.

The trade, coupled with Haliburton's presence, has helped the 26-year-old Turner post the best season of his eight-year career. He's averaging 17.5 points, 7.8 rebounds and 2.4 blocks while shooting 54.4% from the field and 39.3% on 3-pointers. Plus, he's still one of the NBA's top rim protectors.

"As a staff, we were hoping this day would come very desperately," coach Rick Carlisle said. "Over the last year and a half, since he transitioned back to his natural position, the five, we've seen tremendous things."

Still the rumors persisted, with the Los Angeles Lakers being the focus of the most recent speculation starting last summer. Turner helped fuel the discussion in October when ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowksi asked Turner to assess a possible deal involving himself and two potential draft picks.

"If I'm the Lakers, I take a very hard look at this with the position that you're in," he said.

That possibility now appears dead even though Turner realizes there are no guarantees in the NBA.

In July, the Pacers signed Phoenix Suns center Deandre Ayton to the richest offer sheet in league history, four years for $133 million, only to watch the Suns quickly match the offer.

The move, Pritchard said, spurred "100 conversations" between himself and Austin Brown, Turner's agent, as the two sides negotiated. Pritchard declined to provide specifics about those discussions.

Since then, it appears things have changed.

Pritchard believes the evolving bond between Turner and Haliburton could create a stronger foundation for a franchise that has all five starters under contract through next season and most of its key rotational players locked up through 2024-25.

And with more certainty about his future, Pritchard thinks Turner will continue thriving.

"It's disappointing because a trade rumor can come when a team calls you about a player and somehow you get offered," Pritchard said. "It hurts players, it does. We've had two players come up in the last week and ask 'Am I getting traded?' "

But after walking into a Gainbridge Fieldhouse lobby filled with teammates, coaches, Pacers employees, a speaker set blaring calls from Turner's career and a large videoboard posting a slide show of some of Turner's favorite moments, the longest-tenured Indiana player seemed right at home back where it all began as the No. 11 overall draft pick.

"I think it made it easy, when given the full-time position at the five. That's something I was definitely what I was looking for," Turner said. "Given the situation I'm in now where I do get to see expanded minutes at the five, that was one of the main things I was looking for."

Tom Brady retires at 45, insisting this time it's 'for good'

BY FRED GOODALL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. — This time, Tom Brady says he's done for good.

The seven-time Super Bowl winner with New England and Tampa Bay announced his retirement from the NFL on Wednesday, exactly one year after first saying his playing days were over, by posting a brief video lasting just under one minute on social media.

Unlike last winter, though, the most successful quarterback in league history, as well as one of the greatest athletes in team sports, said his decision was final.

"Good morning guys. I'll get to the point right away," Brady says as the message begins. "I'm retiring. For good."

He briefly retired after the 2021 season but wound up coming back for one more year with the Buccaneers. He retires at age 45, the owner of virtually every meaningful NFL passing record in an unprecedented 23-year career.

A year ago when he retired, it was in the form of a long Instagram post. But about six weeks later, he decided to return for one more run, citing "unfinished business" after an early playoff exit.

The Buccaneers — with whom he won a Super Bowl two seasons ago — made the playoffs again this season, losing in their playoff opener. And at the time, it begged the question about

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whether Brady would play again.

Only a couple of weeks later, he has given the answer.

"I know the process was a pretty big deal last time, so when I woke up this morning, I figured I'd just press record and let you guys know first," Brady says in the video. "I won't be long-winded. You only get one super emotional retirement essay and I used mine up last year.

"I really thank you guys so much, to every single one of you for supporting me. My family, my friends, teammates, my competitors. I could go on forever. There's too many. Thank you guys for allowing me to live my absolute dream. I wouldn't change a thing. Love you all."

Brady is the NFL's career leader in yards passing (89,214) and touchdowns (649). He is the only player to win more than five Super Bowls and has been MVP of the game five times. He also holds marks for regular-season wins (251), Super Bowl appearances (10), playoff games and wins (48, 35), as well as playoff yards (13,400) and TDs (88).

"Tom's legacy is unmatched in the history of this game. All the Super Bowl titles and statistical records speak for themselves, but the impact he had on so many people through the years is what I appreciate the most," Buccaneers general manager Jason Licht said.

"His imprint on this organization helped take us to the mountaintop. We will certainly miss him as our quarterback, but I will also miss him as a leader and friend," Licht added. "Our entire organization is indebted to him for what he provided us over the past three years. We won't ever forget the wins or the accolades, and his influence will be felt for years to come."

Brady announced his retirement one day after attending the premiere of "80 for Brady" — which comes out Friday — in Los Angeles. The movie tells the story of four lifelong friends, played by Lily Tomlin, Jane Fonda, Rita Moreno and Sally Field, who went to a Super Bowl to see Brady play.

He was asked Tuesday night whether he felt a connection working with women — the four stars range in age from 76 to 91 — who don't want to retire.

"They're working hard and they love it. So good for them," Brady told The Associated Press. "You know, it's just that's what life is about. You got to, you know, wake up every day with a purpose. And when you find something you love to do, you know, it's hard to stop. You really enjoy it. And there's a lot of aspects that you do enjoy. So they still bring it at this age. It's really unbelievable to watch them on set and how much energy they have. And I certainly was inspired by them and learned a lot of lessons on this whole experience."

Famously underrated coming into the NFL — he was picked 199th in the 2000 draft by the Patriots, behind six other quarterbacks, three kickers and a punter — Brady certainly wasn't expected to become synonymous with greatness. He played in one game as a rookie, completing one of three passes for six yards.

The next year, it all changed.

Brady took over as the Patriots' starter, the team beat the St. Louis Rams in the Super Bowl that capped the 2001 season and he and New England coach Bill Belichick were well on their way to becoming the most successful coach-QB duo in football history.

More Super Bowl wins came after the 2003 and 2004 seasons. The Patriots returned to football's mountaintop for a fourth time in Brady's era a decade later to cap the 2014 season, the start of three more titles in a span of five years.

He signed with Tampa Bay in free agency in 2020 and added a seventh Super Bowl ring to his collection in his first season with his new team. The Bucs and won 37 games (including postseason) with Brady at quarterback — third most in the league over the past three seasons behind Kansas City (46) and Buffalo (41).

"I think I've been on the record dozens of times saying there's no quarterback I'd rather have than Tom Brady, and I still feel that way," Belichick said in 2021 — shortly before Tampa Bay, with Brady, came to New England and beat the Patriots in a game dubbed "The Return." "I was very lucky to have Tom as the quarterback, to coach him, and he was as good as any coach could ever ask for."

Brady set league single-season records for completions (490) and pass attempts (733) while throwing for 4,643 yards, 25 touchdowns and nine interceptions in his final season. The Bucs, however ranked dead last in rushing offense and, forced to rely almost solely of Brady's arm, struggled to get the ball into the end zone.

After scoring 61 touchdowns in 2021, Tampa Bay slipped to 31 last season and averaged just 18.4 points per game — down from over 30 in Brady's first two seasons with the Bucs.

At 8-9, Brady's only losing season in over two decades as a NFL starter, the Bucs became just the fourth team in league history to earn a postseason berth with a losing mark in a non-strike year. The offensive struggles continued during a lopsided loss to Dallas in the NFC wild-card round.

Brady won three NFL MVP awards, was a first-team All-Pro three times and was selected to the Pro Bowl 15 times.

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